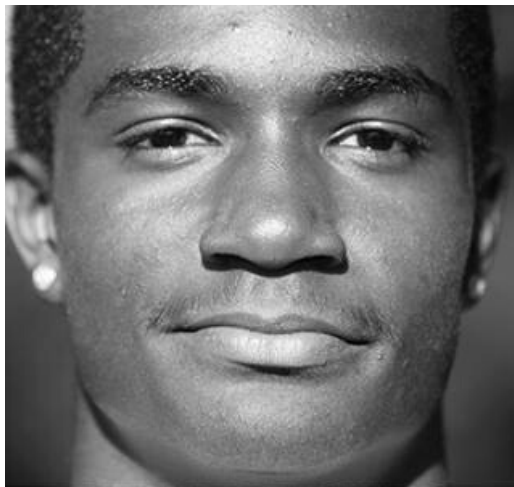




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BE A BIG!

EVERYONE DESERVES A CHANCE...

...to be who they were meant to be - to have their potential realized. They have the potential to change the world, they just need you to defend it.

Stand up today and tell them you believe in their tomorrow. Help be the change that inspires them to be their best. Start today. Their future is here. Ignite it. They have the potential. Defend it. You can impact 2 lives, theirs and yours.

Start by taking a stand.

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BE A BIG

BY SABRINA HOUSER

It is time.

It is time to inspire change right here in our own community.

It is time to defend the potential of the kids who need a Big in their corner, igniting their power.

It is time for caring adults - like you - to rise up and empower those who need an ally. You can be a difference-maker. In just a few hours a month, you can inspire a child to believe in themselves.

But inspiration takes action.

It is time to take action.

Be a Big

<https://bbbscr.org/volunteer/>



MATCH SPOTLIGHT

BY JAY STOKES

I can honestly say that joining BBBS has been one of the most fulfilling things I've ever done. It is equally challenging and fun. Even just getting a smile from Billy is great. And when I surprise him at his soccer game I'm able to see the genuine excitement on his face as he runs over to greet me. There have been countless moments like this over the year and I look forward to many more. I believe in this.

You don't become a big for the power, money or glamour. It isn't about your resume or feeling good about yourself because you are "giving back". It's about Billy. It's about being a friend, mentor, guide, someone to laugh with, play video games with and throw the football around. Someone to talk about frustrations at school and what YouTube video was funny this week. It is a lot of work and it can be frustrating. But that's ok. Because we are together. Just hanging out is enough.



I've had to let go of my expectations on how to be a mentor. I would beat myself when I felt like I said the wrong thing. But I was there. I called every week on time. And we have gone on some sweet adventures together.

They say: "Time flies when you are having fun". And that's what it's all about... Just having fun together. I'm so thankful that I joined this organization. And kids like Billy deserve to have big brothers and mentors.



Do Something Big Today

<https://bbbscr.org/volunteer/>

WHAT OUR BIGS HAVE TO SAY

"Sometimes you just need somebody else involved – not everybody's perfect all the time. As long as you're able to depend on somebody, that counts a lot and that's what's so great about this program, to provide another sense of support."



"The number one thing I take away from (my little) is that individuals are all different but at the end of the day love, care, and respect remains the same at all times. We can cry over a bad situation or pick up and keep plugging on, no matter what, she is always an inspiring, happy person who is unfailingly motivated to keep moving onwards."



"(He) was very much a part of our family during that time, he went on vacations with our family, he was part of our wedding party, in 2012. (He) and I have a lifelong friendship, I love the kid."



"I've recruited people to become Bigs, they've definitely seen the impact it's had on me, it's really tangible, the experience is much more impactful than just a tagline or a story..."