

BIG Impact Report

Fall 2023

An inside look at mentoring impact for BBBSR's crucial supporters.

Enjoy this closer look at the behind-the-scenes work made possible by your dedicated support.

2023 MATCH OF THE YEAR

Each year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region honors several outstanding matches as finalists for the regional Match of the Year Award. The matches that are nominated each illustrate how the mentoring relationship helps Littles achieve their biggest possible futures and makes a long-lasting impact on the Big, too.

At the Fall Classic event this October we announced our 2023 Match of the Year winner.

Congratulations to Little Anthone and Big Will! →

Learn about our nominees:
bbbscr.org/2023-nominees



We defend their **potential**



Through ONE-to-ONE **mentoring**



Because they are our **future**

Pictured left top to bottom: A match enjoys a STEM experiment hosted at Russell Sage College, a Little and Big on an excursion to Peaceful Acres Horses, Bigs and Littles wait for their pool time at our Big Back to School Party in August.



Big Will & Little Anthone Matched 2015

Anthone and Will have been matched since 2015. Through the years, they

have engaged in a variety of activities including ice skating, going to the movies, swimming at the YMCA, street hockey, Albany Firewolves/Empire games, cooking classes with Chef Harley, video games, and more!

Will has provided academic help as needed and last school year, Anthone made honor roll each quarter! Having a male role model throughout these eight years together is just what Anthone needed to blossom into the charismatic young man he is today.

Will acknowledges that Anthone is "smart beyond his years" and even with the growth of Will's own family, his relationship with Anthone has remained a priority. Anthone has welcomed his new position as a "Big Brother" to Will's kids and he feels a strong connection to them. Through the COVID shut-down, he and Will had to put in-person outings on halt for four months in order to ensure the safety of Will's newborn. Anthone met Will's son on Facetime and couldn't wait to meet him in-person to embrace this new addition to their match family.

Present day, Anthone and Will spend quality family time all together at Big Brother Will's home and enjoy special one-on-one time at the YMCA. Will and Anthone feel they have an everlasting friendship that will continue to grow!

Watch their acceptance speech:
bbbscr.org/2023-match-of-the-year



BBBSCR LAUNCHES INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

When eight-year-old Little Brother Roland Price met his fifteen-year-old Big Brother Johnattan



Sukhoo, he couldn't believe his luck. "My Big Brother is just like me! We're so similar!" he exclaimed.

Roland, along with thirty-eight of his 3rd grade peers, is participating in a new pilot mentoring program launched this fall by BBBSCR in collaboration with the Schenectady City School District. This High School Leadership Program (HSLP), running through the 2023-24 academic year, puts the power of mentoring to work to support both high school and elementary school students in their educational journeys.

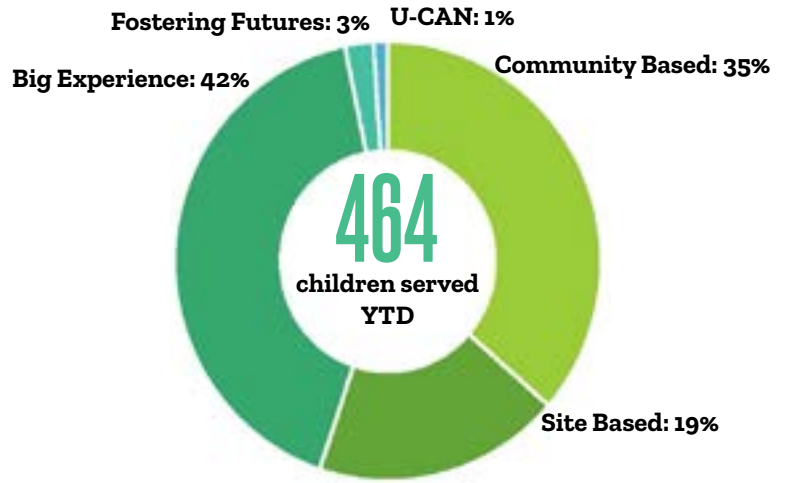
BBBSCR has a 60-year commitment to providing one-to-one Big Brother/Little Brother and Big Sister/Little Sister mentoring relationships for Capital Region youth. These mentoring relationships have proven to be invaluable in relieving the pressure faced by students and families during challenging times; these relationships are especially valuable today as local youth navigate the residual impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. The High School Leadership Mentoring Program takes this longstanding commitment to the next level by pairing high school students as mentors for whole classrooms of their elementary school peers, in a weekly school-day program facilitated by BBBSCR staff.

Learn More:
bbbscr.org/new-leadership-program

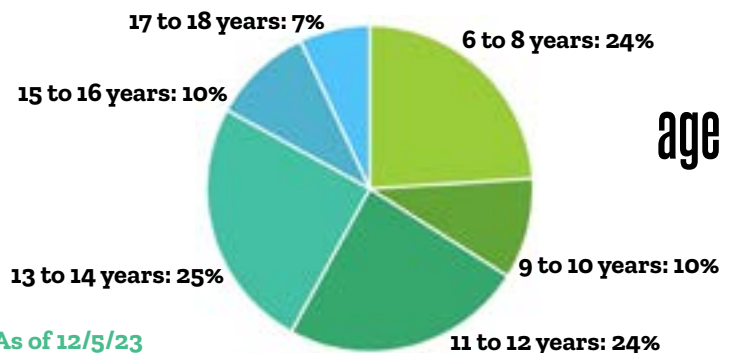
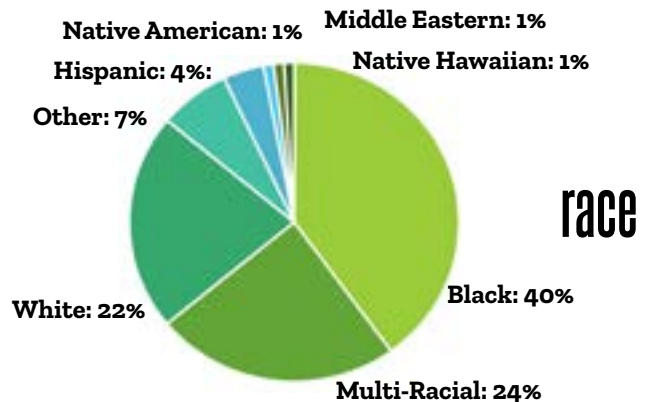
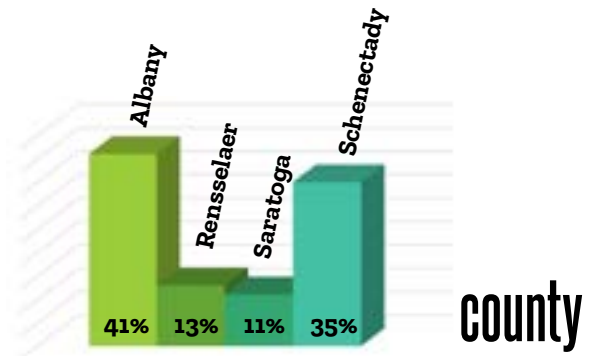
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