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POTENTIAL







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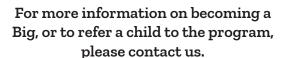
All youth achieve their full potential.

### **Mission**

Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is an established organization providing adult mentors to youth facing adversity in Montana. We have been serving the Helena community for over 50 years, and the Great Falls community for over 40 years. Out of kids enrolled in our program for at least 12 months, 85% improve their academic performance, and 95% have increased self-confidence.

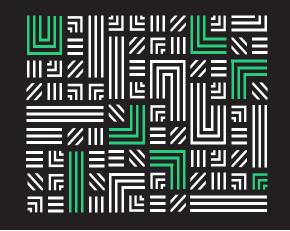
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### Helena & Great Falls

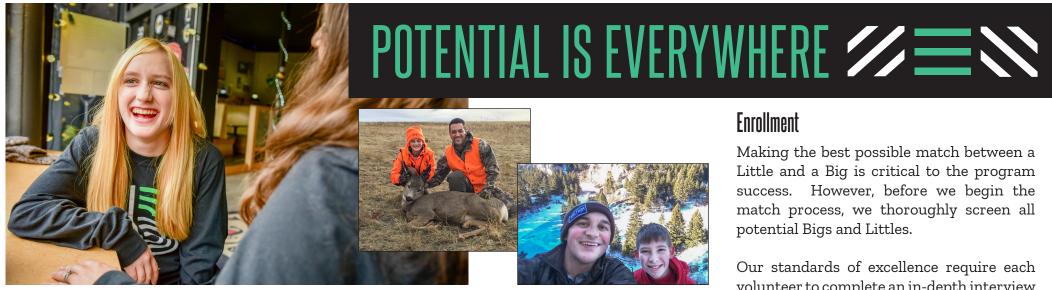
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# **Community Based Mentoring**

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides children with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. In short, we match children with volunteer mentors, and we provide ongoing, professional relationship and safety support for those matches.

In the Community-Based Program, mentors (Bigs) provide one-on-one attention for children (Littles) in the community. Bigs meet with their Littles 2-4 times per month for a couple of hours. We believe that every child can benefit from the additional support and insight a mentor can offer.

National research confirms that children matched in Big Brothers Big Sisters programs are more likely to excel and make better life choices.

# Youth Eligibility (Littles)

Enrolling children must be between 6 and 15 years of age, commit to a twelve-month match, express a genuine interest in the program, and be able to form a safe and successful relationship with an adult.

# Volunteer Eligibility (Bigs)

At a minimum, volunteer mentors must be 18 or older, have access to transportation, and be willing to commit twelve months to a match.

Not sure if you are qualified to be a Big? If you enjoy being outdoors, watching movies, playing games, goofing off or \*insert almost any activity here\*, then you might have what it takes! At BBBS, we have your back, providing professional guidance and support for your Match when you need it!

\*It is the policy and commitment of Big Brothers Big Sisters that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability, religion, or sexual orientation.

## **Enrollment**

Making the best possible match between a Little and a Big is critical to the program success. However, before we begin the match process, we thoroughly screen all potential Bigs and Littles.

Our standards of excellence require each volunteer to complete an in-depth interview and criminal background and reference checks.

If you would like to know more about becoming a Big or enrolling a child, please contact our office.

