

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Illinois

What are “Bigs” and “Littles”?

- “Bigs” are adult volunteers. Each “Big” goes through a background check and in-person interviews to make sure they are suitable, respectable individuals.
- “Littles” are children ages 6-18 who may need a person that they can talk to. Some kids may need help with school work or motivation though personal issues. All “Littles” need to feel comfortable with their assigned “Big.”

What would “Bigs and Littles” do?

- Some activities that the “Bigs and Littles” participate in are going to the movies, out to eat, local sports activities, or even just a park. You won't believe the amount of children that have never been to a baseball game before.

If the IAJHSC where to donate to Big Brothers Big Sisters, where would the money go?

- All of the “Bigs” are volunteers, a lot of whom are college students or young professionals with tight budgets. They are not paid to spend time with children. It makes the connection between “Bigs” and “Littles” more special when adult volunteers are found who have “caring for children” in their hearts. Our donation would be 100% used to fund activities for the “Bigs” and “Littles” to spend more time together.

Where are they located?

- Big Brothers Big Sisters are located in over 90 counties in the state of Illinois.

Where could I go to donate or become a “Big”?

- You could go online at www.bbbscil.org and scroll down to “Become a Big” or “Donate”. Also, if you scroll a little bit further, you'll see that they have how many matches they made, how much money has been donated, and more. If you would like to contact Big Brothers Big Sisters directly, you can email Ms. Jeanne Stahlheber, President of the State Association, at j.stahlheber@bbbscil.org or call their office phone at (217) 428-4240.



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