



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Dane County

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

Volunteer with your significant other as a **Couple Match**. A Couple Match meets with a child either one-to-one or together as a couple. Volunteering can also be more fun when done as a family! As a **Family Match**, you can spend time with the child as a Big Brother Big Sister "team."



Community Based Program: **Couple Match & Family Match**



Being a Big Brother or Big Sister is one of the most enjoyable things you will ever do. Not to mention, one of the most fulfilling. You can help shape a child's future for the better by empowering them to achieve success in life. And the best part is, it's actually a lot of fun. You and your Little can share in the kinds of activities you already like to do while developing a relationship that strengthens their confidence and aspirations.

Volunteering can be more fun when done as a family! The Family Match program enables families to include a child in activities, discussions and outings. This program is a perfect excuse to get the whole family together, while benefiting a child. It is also a great way to introduce your children to volunteerism. *It's family fun plus one!*



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Start Something Big...

Becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister is One of the Most Rewarding and Enjoyable Things You Will Ever Do.

Eligibility for Community Based Program:

- A willingness to make a BIG difference in the life of a child!
 - Ability to get together 3-4 times per month with a child.
 - Commit to being matched for a minimum of 2 years.
 - Have a valid driver's license and an insured vehicle.
 - Be at least 18 years old.
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Application Process:

1. Apply: The application is available on our website and asks for general information about you in addition to contact information for three references. It also gives us permission to conduct a background check. All adult members of Couple Matches complete the interview and paperwork separately. All members of a Family Match who are over 16 years old will need to complete an application and background check process.

2. Interview/Orientation: During this 60-minute confidential meeting with an Enrollment Match Specialist, we will ask you to share background information and describe the activities that you enjoy. This helps us identify a Little Brother or Little Sister who will be a good match for you. Separately, you will take part in a 1.5 hour group orientation with other new volunteers to learn more about what being a Big is like so you feel prepared to begin your journey as a mentor. All members of a Family Match who are over 16 years old will also be interviewed.

3. Meet Your Little: The Enrollment Match Specialist will tell you about a potential Little to get your approval prior to the match. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about your potential Little. Once you are approved, we will introduce you to your Little and his/her parent at the child's home. Once the Match is made, a Big Brothers Big Sisters Match Support Specialist will be there to answer any questions and coach you as you develop a relationship with your new Little.

To learn more or apply to be a Couple or Family Match,
please call
608-661-5437 or visit our website at