



## **Big Brothers Big Sisters** Southeastern Pennsylvania

### **Interview with Penn Big Sister Sakina**

**Your Name & Your Little's Name:** Sakina Zaidi (Big) & Niteesah Rivers (Little)

**Your Age & Your Little's Age:** 19 & 13

**How long have you been matched:** We got to know each other over the space of a semester after which she had to move.

**First day as a Big:** Exciting as well as really enjoyable. We had a definite connection from the start and it made me realize how much effort had gone into putting the match together.

**How has your relationship with your Little developed:** We were only together for about a semester but we did get to know each other better and both of us became more comfortable with each other as time passed.

**Hardest thing about being matched and being a Big:** The hardest thing is trying to be a role model as well as friend. It's difficult to make the distinction sometimes between trying to teach your little to do the right thing or just letting things go and having a good time.

**Best part about being matched and being a Big:** The knowledge that by contributing one hour per week, you are truly making a large impact in someone's life.

**Favorite memory:** The first day we met and felt an immediate connection.

**Something the two of you have in common:** Both wear the headscarf.

**Activities you usually do together:** Play board games.

**Why did you join BBBS:** To give back to the community.

**Any advice you have for new Bigs or people considering joining:** It is one of the most rewarding, most fun and least time consuming activities that I have participated in. The job description is to basically have fun and that's exactly what you should do!