

Our need for Bigs.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS—

Big Brothers Big Sisters can offer a volunteer experience that is flexible, fun and simple for men and women of all ages.

Though Big Brothers Big Sisters is always looking for volunteers from all walks of life, right now there is a greater need for men and baby boomers as highlighted below.

Special Focus on Men

More than 70% of our children waiting for a “Big” are boys, but only three out of every 10 inquiries to volunteer come from men. Research shows that having the positive influence of a Big Brother makes a real difference in the life of a boy. **And those who volunteer will tell you how they wish they had decided to become a Big sooner.**

African-American Men

We have a crisis in every major American city. African-American boys are at risk for not reaching a successful adulthood. Being matched with a Big Brother will make it more likely that they will do better in school, not get involved with drugs or alcohol, and have a more positive attitude about their future. **Having a Big Brother they can relate to can introduce these kids to opportunities and experiences that will broaden their horizons.**

Hispanic Men

More than one-third of all Hispanics in the United States are under the age of 18; more than one quarter of them are living in poverty. These children could benefit from having a caring male role-model in their lives— **a Big Brother who knows and understands the challenges they face. Someone who can communicate with boys in need of stability and support, who can make a lasting change in the lives of these children, while having fun at the same time.**

Special Focus on Boomers

Men and women born between 1946 and 1964, Baby Boomers, represent the largest single segment of our population—many are at a point in their lives where they want to make a difference, and finally have the time. Being a “Big” will allow them to learn something new with a “Little.” **It is a great way to make a real difference and have a great time.**



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