

Big Brothers and Sisters

Big Brothers and Big Sisters are men and women 18 years and over, students and professors, single or married, business executives and housewives. To be a big brother or big sister you do not have to be a sport hero, community leader or social worker. You just have to be yourself.

The idea behind big brothers and big sisters is simple and very human. Its basis is friendship - the friendship between a mature adult volunteer and a child from a single parent family. In such homes, the pressures are sometimes more than the child or the parent can comfortably handle. The Big Brother/Big Sister in befriending the child, establishes a special relationship which can benefit the child while he or she is growing up. All it is a little love.

It doesn't take much time to be a big brother or a big sister - all it takes is a little love. Friendship doesn't follow or require a rigid schedule or need a lot of time spent together. Usually the big brother or big sister spends 3-4 hours a week with his or her little brother or little sister. This is just one evening or one afternoon each week. We know that you will enjoy being with you little brother or little sister just as much as he/she will enjoy being with you. Why Hesitate?

Call Big Brothers - Big Sisters and arrange an interview in your home, on campus, or at our office. You'll be glad you did.

Good memories have a way of enduring. For a little brother or sister, the happy moments shared with a friend today will profoundly influence the adult they will be tomorrow.

You could be part of a movement that will last forever for that child. You could be his/her special friend to share the good times and the not so good.

Take the time to find out what Big Brothers/Big Sisters is all about. It only takes a moment. We have little boys and girls waiting for someone just like you.

Call 892-5979 with

any questions you have. We will also be in the student lounge in Robertson Library on Thursday, November 5th. Hope to see you there.

Be a Big Brother/Sister for a day.

The annual "Big Brothers - Big Sisters" week is to be held this year from November 2 to the 7. Representatives from the Association will be on campus in the student lounge in the Robertson Library on Thursday, November 6, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We have 53 little boys and 14 little girls who would like to have a Big Brother/Sister for a day. These children are on our waiting list to get Big Brothers/Sisters but would like to have you for just one day. If you would like to give a little of your time to make one of these children happy for one day call 892-5979 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., 894-3076 in the evenings or contact one of our members on November 6 in the student lounge.

Reach Out

Growing Up is Tough

Growing up is tough for everybody. But growing up for some children is a lot tougher, because they only have one parent in the home. And the one parent they do have often has to spread their time and counsel and even their love in a way that leaves a young child feeling isolated, lost, empty. The child needs direction, someone to look up to, someone that won't judge but will be a true friend. That someone could be you.

One To One

These Children from single parent homes are ages 6-16 and are like any other group of kids. Some are rambunctious, some shy, some A students, some hate school, some are football or hockey fans and some are kids who prefer drawing, or a trip to the museum. One thing is certain: they all need - and can benefit from - the friendship of a Big Brother or Big Sister.

1. Where and when did Big Brothers originate?

In Canada, Big Brothers began in 1913. In P.E.I. the association was formed in 1975. Big Sisters became a part of this association in 1981.

2. What is the fee for the service?

The parent pays no money to have a Big Brother or Big Sister for his/her child and neither does the volunteer receive any money to be a Big Brother or Sister.

3. How are volunteer Big Brothers/Big Sister trained?

These volunteers are well selected, but there is no training period. Each applicant is in turn interviewed and informed of the responsibilities and expectations of a Big Brother/Big Sister. During this time the case worker becomes aware of the volunteers strengths and interests, which will allow him/her to be matched with the appropriate Little Brother/Sister.

4. What are the responsibilities of a Big Brother/Sister?

A big Brother or a Big Sister is expected to see his/her little brother/sister regularly once a week for an average of three to four hours. This appeals to busy students whose free time may vary depending on papers due and exam scheduling. Also the Big Brother/Sister is to keep in contact with the case worker to keep him or her informed on the state of the relationship.

5. If a volunteer is not trained, how does

he/she help a child from a one-parent family situation?

To help the Little Brother/Sister it is essential that a volunteer act naturally. His/her image and example are the basis of his help. It is what he does that counts.

When a problem is encountered, the volunteer should contact his/her case worker immediately for advice.

6. How do Big Brother/Sisters and Little Brothers/Sisters spend their time together?

Basically, they share their interests and activities together. Interests of the Big and Little Brother/Sister are considered before they are introduced.

7. How are big and little Brothers/Sister teamed up? This is arranged by the case worker who interviews the Big and Little Brother/Sister. After careful study the two are matched on the basis of background, interests, personality types, the strengths of the volunteer and the needs of the boy/girl.

8. What would I get out of Big Brothers/Sisters?

First - You will have experienced many enjoyable activities with your little Brother/Sister, sharing his interests and expanding yours.

Second - You will make a lifelong friend.

Third - You will have the satisfaction of giving a child a chance to observe another way of life, different from his/her own.

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