



Big Brothers Big Sisters

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A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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As we journey through the second half of 2021, we are quickly approaching two years dealing with the Global Pandemic, COVID-19. In some parts of our lives, this has been so rapid that we cannot believe so many months of disruption have already happened. For many children, however, this has transformed their entire childhood.

Living with this virus will continue for some time – maybe even forever. How then do we serve the children, families, and communities for whom we are charged by our mission and vision to support, empower, and lift up?

This Fall, we launch **Project Reconnect**. We will renew partnerships with organizations and agencies with whom we share common purpose. We will solidify matches between youth and mentors who have held on despite overwhelming obstacles placed upon them. We will establish new ways for mentors to connect in person with their youth in our program. Most importantly, we will not let COVID-19 keep us from serving more youth than we did before the pandemic.

These are the boldest efforts Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Wisconsin has ever taken. We know there is little room for error, but we also know the cost to youth facing adversity if we do not exhaust every resource we have to bring our program back to its strength.
Stay tuned.

REMEMBERING BILL NIMMOW

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Bill Nimmow, one of our outstanding Big Brothers. Bill passed away on June 19, 2021 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Bill fought that battle with courage and faith to the end of his days.

Bill was a long time supporter of BBBS and made a difference in the lives of everyone who knew him. Bill and his wife, Sally, volunteered for years to help at our annual Golf For Kids' Sake and Bowl for Kids' Sake. Together the two of them helped to raise thousands of dollars

to benefit local children through our programs.

In a more personal, hands on way, as a Big Brother, Bill was a mentor to three young men over a period of years; dedicating his time, energy encouragement and love to each of them. Bill taught, listened, cheered them on and was a good Big Brother to each of his Littles. Bill also supported and invested in the life of Sally's Little Sister in a similar manner. The impact that Bill had in those lives will continue for years to come. Bill cared deeply for his little

come. Bill cared deeply for his little brothers and always wanted to do more and make a bigger impact in their lives.

Bill was a man of faith, gentleness and kindness. He modeled for those young men, how to become strong men of faith, gentleness and kindness. Bill never stopped giving or caring for others and we were blessed to know him.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED IN BILL'S NAME:

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Michael & Susan Merrick
Sally Nimmow
William Rizzo
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MATCH HIGHLIGHT

Jackie and her Little have been matched for a little over a year. In that year they have been able to build a strong friendship. A couple things they have done together is start a tv show, eat together and go bowling. They will even have homework dates during the school year. Jackie has become a person that her Little feels she can talk to when she needs a friend, even between outings. This summer her little to a volleyball camp. Knowing that the volleyball camp would be something that her Little would like, Jackie was able to help make it possible by reaching out to find financial assistance. She then helped with making sure that she was able to get signed up for the camp.



MATCH ALUMNI

Kalilah was 14 years old when she entered the BBBS community program. Kalilah had faced many challenges in her life and needed a friend and extra support system- someone who could get her out of the house and spend some time with her. Cheryl applied to be a Big to make a difference in someone's life. Now that her own children were grown and out of the house, she had time, availability and passion for helping someone in need.

Cheryl and Kalilah were matched in January of 2018. Cheryl became the person and role model most influential in Kalilah's life. They liked to go to the movies together, Fondy's Sports Park,

the zoo, Pizza Ranch, mini- golfing and once took a tour of Lambeau Field. Although Kalilah kept very busy with school and her job at Rehek's, they still made time to see each other and keep in touch. Kalilah loves animals and had a great time with her Big riding horses, as seen in the photo. Kalilah has said that this was one of her favorite memories with her Big as well as the time they went to the Christmas petting zoo.

In Big Brothers Big Sisters, our Littles are impacted by their mentor. But in this match, the Big was equally impacted by her Little. Cheryl has described Kalilah as inspiring and someone who is

"incredibly strong and determined despite the hard times and challenges in her life."

Cheryl- "I view life differently now and appreciate things I probably wouldn't have before."

Kalilah is now entering her last year of high school and has already applied to three colleges. She still works at Rehek's and also remains very active in her church group. Cheryl still keeps in contact with Kalilah and remains a *big* part of her life.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Giving Tuesday- Nov. 30th**
- CMN Movie Night- Dec. 7th**
- Santa Cause Nov. 23rd - Dec. 30th**

STARTING THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY



Big Brothers Big Sisters were able to give each our Littles in Dodge, Jefferson, Rock and Walworth counties seven school supply items, an increase from last year! We were also able to set aside backpacks as well as supply our waiting Littles some school supplies. Special thanks to Operation Homefront that connected us with our local Dollar Tree and Van Horn Automotive.



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