



**Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Greater Cleveland**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our mission is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with measurable impact. Our vision is to provide successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them, contributing to better schools, stronger communities and brighter futures.

A mentor is...

- A caring, responsible person who provides access to people, places, and things outside of your child's routine environment.
- A positive role model and someone your child aspires to be like. They offer help to your child so that he/she can be whoever they want to be.
- Motivating your son/daughter to achieve goals and make good choices...and have fun, too!

How do children come into the program?

- We enroll children ages 9-15 years old that live in Cuyahoga County.
- Children can be referred to BBBS from a teacher, a counselor, their church, a friend who has a child in the program, commercials, etc. All children and their parents must willingly choose to be part of our program.
- Our children come from various types of home environments and family structures, different socio-economic levels, ethnic backgrounds, and neighborhoods and school across our entire community. They all have a need for a friendship with a caring adult.

Who are the volunteers in the program?

- Volunteer mentors come from many different backgrounds, but they all have a desire to provide friendship to a child who needs some extra support in his/her life.
- Volunteers are required to give personal references, and undergo criminal background and driving record checks, participate in a one on one interview with a BBBS staff member, attend a volunteer orientation/training prior to being matched as part of the screening process.

Your Child's Relationship with their mentor

Our volunteers are committed to creating strong and lasting relationships with your children. Your child and their mentor take turns learning about each other's family and/or cultural traditions. As a friend, your child's mentor is there to add to his/her values. The mentor listens to your child and involves them in deciding on what to do with their time together. The mentors also keep in contact with the match support team.

To Enroll a Child

Please Contact Pat Fauskey, Customer Relations Specialist
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