

START SOMETHING BIG!



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of the Cayman Islands



WHAT IS A LITTLE?

- Children aged 6-16
- Enrolled by a parent/guardian or referred
- Any child who could benefit from an additional caring adult

WHAT IS A BIG?

- Volunteer mentors
- Aged 18+
- Desire to be a role model
- Is patient, understanding, compassionate and a good listener
- Able to commit for 1 year, 2-4 times a month

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Refer a Little
- Volunteer
- Donate
- Spread the word
- Follow us on social media @BBBSCayman

LITTLES THAT ARE MATCHED WITH A MENTOR FOR AT LEAST A YEAR ARE:



More likely to improve
in school



More likely to improve
relationships with
friends and family



Less likely to skip
school



Less likely to engage
in deviant behaviours

HOW DOES FUNDING HELP?

- Assists in recruitment and training efforts
- Enables supervision, support, and management of matching
- Facilitates group activities
- Supports research efforts on the outcomes of mentoring



A SMALL STEP CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

A Big Brother/Big Sister is:

- an adult who will act as a friend and role model
- someone to offer non-judgemental support and guidance
- someone who listens to you

A Big Brother/Big Sister is *not*:

- someone to act as your parent
- about giving you things you want all the time
- there to criticise you

How Can I Get a Big Brother/Sister?

- Ask your teacher to refer you
 - Ask your parent or guardian to apply
 - You agree to be matched for at least one year
- *A Match is the relationship formed between a Big and a Little*

What you can expect as a Little:

- Hang out with your Big 3x per month
- Get extra support in creating and achieving your goals
- Have opportunities to do new things
- Attend activities with other Matches



WHAT OUR BIGS SAY!

Asha (Big) & Ukaylin (Little)

"BBBS has given me the opportunity to make a difference by mentoring a child. I've been matched with 12 year old Ukaylin Dixon for the past 18 months. We meet every week usually on a Saturday afternoon and our activities have included drives to East End and Rum Point, beach outings, ice cream stops, cinema, theatre, cooking, baking, arts & crafts, visits to places like Turtle Farm, Parrot Sanctuary and Botanic Park and meals at restaurants. We even visited Little Cayman for a weekend, it was her first time on a plane and the look on her face as the plane took off was priceless. Or sometimes we just chill, chat or watch a movie.

It has been truly amazing and rewarding experience to see the growth and development in both of us over time. She has taught me a few things about patience, boundaries and knowing when to let things go, given me some a-ha moments and many a time makes me chuckle with her humour or attempts to emulate me. I love seeing the positive changes in her and we have made many great memories together. I hope our match continues for a long time."



Steve (Big) & Kaesyn (Little)

"I found out about the BBBS Cayman programme through a friend who is a BBBS mentor herself and decided to reach out and see if I could become a mentor. The matching process at BBBS was very professional and well-done, and I couldn't have chosen a better match! My little brother is a real character and loves to chat non-stop (we have that in common)! We have only been matched for a few months but have already had so many fun adventures together. Whether walking dogs for the Humane Society, playing laser tag, going on beach walks, gaming or just hanging out and talking, we always have a great time. Every time I drop him off back at home after our time together, he loudly declares "I had the best time ever!" so I must be doing something right. I thought I was doing this to help someone else, but this has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done, and I can't help but feel like I am gaining just as much from this as he is."

Tonicia (Big) & Amanda (Little)

"I was officially paired in December 2015. After coming home from university I knew I wanted to do something with the youth in my community - I had to pay it forward for all those who were there for me. One of the moments that sticks out for me is my little's mother mentioning to me that because of my influence in her life she sees the beauty in herself. It was surprising to hear that comment but in that moment I knew I had made the right decision in getting involved. I feel that it makes a difference to see someone who looks like you and who shares the same interests as you, achieve a certain level of success. It will motivate and show you that you can achieve that and more! I think it is also part of the reason she strives to do better in school and is beaming when she tells me her grades. I have loved watching my little's development over the last almost 7 years. She is such a smart, caring and responsible young lady. It is humbling to know that I may have, if even a small part, to play in that."



Marco (Big) & Jayquan (Little)

"My Little, Jayquan, and I met almost 2 years ago, and it is simply beautiful to see how much our relationship has grown over time. I was able to positively influence his communication with others, especially with his family, and help him to be more confident in every walk of life. My fondest memory was when I took him to work one day... Being a real estate agent, I thought of having him help me with a very important Open House, and he exceeded everyone's expectations by being the first contact visitors encountered, escorting them up in the elevator, engaging in small talk, and ultimately setting the tone for the upcoming showing. He loved every second! This mentoring program at BBBS is crucial in opening the world to these kids, guiding them to becoming the very best they can be! This picture was my present to him on his 16th birthday! His very first time on a jet ski (you are only allowed to drive one from the age of 16)."



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Interested in learning more about "*Big Brothers Big Sisters*"?

Attend a virtual orientation
session to learn more about
becoming a mentor and/or other
ways that you can get involved or
support youth in the Cayman
community



**February dates for virtual information
sessions:**

Thursday February 10th @ 12:00pm

Thursday, February 24th @ 6.00 pm

Registration: email info@bbbs.ky