

# It Takes Five To Keep a Match Alive ...



*It takes five to keep a match alive,  
But it begins with one.*

*One parent, one guardian, one hero,  
To step forward with courage;  
To say I need help with  
my family — my child.*

*One Little, one youngster, one child,  
To wish for a special friend  
who is all their own;  
To share dreams, fears, hope,  
joy, and laughter with.*

*One volunteer, one Big Brother,  
One Big Sister,  
To reach out and change  
a child's world;  
To be a positive role model  
and mentor.*

*One staff, one team, one group  
of dedicated people,  
To make a match that  
sometimes can last a lifetime;  
To support the vision and  
complete the mission.*

*One donor, one match maker,  
one memory maker,  
To invest in mentoring a child;  
To improve our community  
and our future.*

*It begins with one,  
But it takes five  
to keep a match alive!*

*- Big Sister Dawn Hunter  
May 20, 2009*

## ... A Little Aidan, Little Brother to Chris (age 17)

“ I was able to learn about all the aspects of the college application process such as how to seek financial aid, and what colleges I should look for. My mentor helped me go through the application process for my current job. I recommend Mentor2.0 to any student seeking assistance with planning out their future beyond high school, you will learn valuable skills that will assist you in your future. ”

## ... A Big Chris, Big Brother to Aidan Since 2022

“ The Mentor2.0 program has been a great experience and it allows you to quickly see the impact you can have on your mentee. From just being there to talk about small day-to-day things such as homework or applying to a first job, to being a sounding board for their college and career goals, every aspect is rewarding. ”

## ... A Parent Mother of Aidan

“ This program has been wonderful for my son. He enjoys meeting up with his Big Brother at the monthly Mentor2.0 events. Big Brothers Big Sisters did a wonderful job matching him with someone whom he feels comfortable talking to. Aidan has gained a positive role model who has helped him with his resume, answering questions about college, and offering help whenever he needs it. This program has been such a positive experience. ”

## ... A Donor Adalberto "Bert" Lopez, Atlantic City Electric

“ Atlantic City Electric is thrilled to support the Big Brothers Big Sisters in their efforts to create opportunities for kids to reach their potential. Helping kids to see the possibilities through career exploration in conjunction with caring "Bigs" is just the type of support that helps kids achieve their dreams. We thank all the volunteers, donors and staff who are helping guide kids towards a brighter future. ”

## ... Staff Sharon Kremetz, Program Manager—Mentor 2.0

“ I have watched Aidan and Chris interact at our monthly events and enjoyed the camaraderie that the two share. Not only has Chris been a great influence and had a great impact on Aidan, but Aidan has had a huge impact on Chris. They work together and listen to each other with great respect, while also enjoying each other's company. This program has had great benefits for many of the young adults it serves, and Aidan and Chris are just one example. ”



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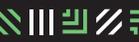
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# OUR IMPACT



**In 2023 ... 169 youth in Cumberland & Salem Counties benefited from a one-to-one mentoring relationship. While 72 youth continued to wait for a mentor.**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters is the leader in mentoring services to children. It is the nation's largest volunteer-driven, staff-supported network.** An independent national study surveyed our programs and methods spanning a five-year period. They found that youth involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programs were more likely to improve their grades, graduate from high school, and stay out of trouble.

**In the 70's we were known as Big Brothers of Vineland,** serving boys referred by family court and mentored by lawyers, police officers, doctors, and prominent business professionals.

**In 1982 we became Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland County,** serving boys and girls, ages 7 through 18, throughout Cumberland County that were primarily referred by a relative or teacher.

**In 1995, Big Brothers Big Sisters started High School and School-Based Programs.** These programs allow adults and high school students to visit the elementary and middle school students on a weekly basis.

**Since 2002, there have been more than 4,000 boys and girls matched** in a one-to-one mentoring relationship through our program.

**In 2005 our service area expanded to include Salem County.**

## OUR VISION

All youth achieve their full potential.

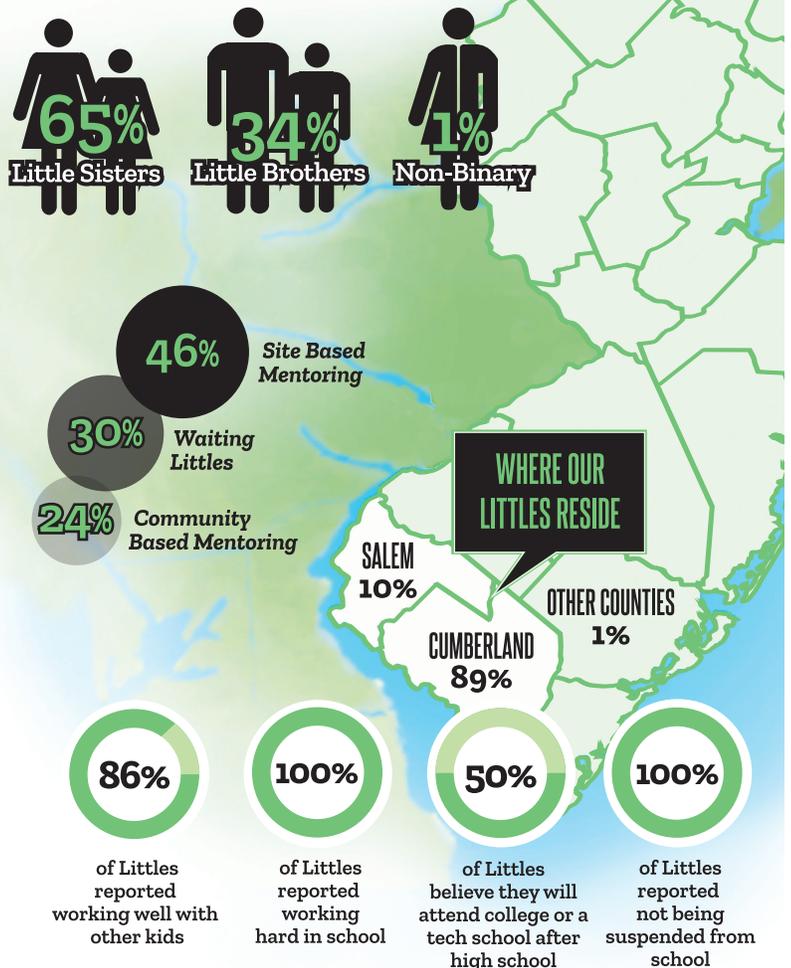
## OUR MISSION

Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

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Survey results from randomly selected Matched Littles in our Adult School Based and Community Based Programs

## THE MATCH PROCESS

**The safety and well-being of each child are top priorities when recruiting and maintaining a one-to-one relationship with their Big Brother or Big Sister.**

### Enrollment Process for Bigs:

1. Application and assessment by staff (an in-home interview is held for community-based and school-based plus mentors)
2. Professional assessment to include criminal background check, fingerprinting, proof of auto insurance, driver's abstract, and a minimum of three references

**Staff are trained in social services and child safety.** They maintain close ties with each match—communicating a minimum of once a month with Bigs, Littles, and Guardians/Schools.

**Liability insurance coverage protects all individuals.**