

## How You Can Help!

You don't have to change your life to make a positive change in the life of a child. Mentor, volunteer or donate - your contribution will help CBBBS provide young people with the guidance, self-esteem, skills and values that will help them succeed in school and life.

### I want more information about

- Mentoring/Volunteering
- Joining Junior Partners

### I want to make a donation

- \$100.00       \$ 25.00
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*Changing young lives for the better:  
FOREVER!*

# Catholic Big Brothers Big Sisters



Many of the children Catholic Big Brothers Big Sisters (CBBBS) serves face some daunting challenges.

- **98% are eligible for free & reduced lunch**
- **60% are from single parent homes**
- **50% have an incarcerated relative or are in foster care**
- **60% High School graduation rate in neighborhood schools**

Yet, of the children who have a mentor through CBBBS: **100% of them graduate from high school, and 90% go on to higher education.**

**With 90 years of success, CBBBS** is one of the oldest and most respected mentoring organizations in Southern California, with a peerless record for service quality having:

- Regularly exceeded national match retention rates for mentoring pairs with 43 months versus 29 months nationally;
- Designated a Blue Ribbon Social Enterprise by the Points of Light Foundation for its superior volunteer management; and
- Garnered an unprecedented 4th National BBBS Quality Award in a row, placing it in the top 5% of the 300 organizations in the National BBBS Network.

Last year, CBBBS served 400 young people with one-to-one mentoring matches; assessed another 400 children and their families for services; and screened and trained 500 adults as potential mentors or other skilled volunteers.



**CBBBS is dedicated to improving the lives of children from all beliefs and backgrounds,** and utilizes a national, evidence-based model recognized by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention as having strong social, emotional, behavioral, and academic outcomes for its young program participants.

## **Community-Based Mentoring**

Adult mentors, BIGS, are matched with LITTLES, at-risk youth, who meet one-to-one, from four to eight hours per month (at least two times per month) during the course of a minimum one-year period. Activities are determined by each mentoring pair and typically include: museums, movies, help with homework, Dodger games, sports, playing in the park, hiking, outings for ice cream, help with chores, etc.

## **Site-Based Mentoring**

Bigs go to schools, community centers, or work sites to provide support to Littles who have been identified as children who can benefit from a mentor. Matches meet weekly, during a lunch or after school, and engage in activities that nurture a child's academic, career or social growth. When a caring adult spends quality time with a Little, talking, reading, working on personal or education projects, or playing sports children gain a greater sense of self-esteem and the support they need to stay in school.

## **Junior Partners**

The Junior Partners' Program is a vital volunteer network of young professionals, (21 years +) who support CBBBS' programs through friend-raisers, fundraisers and volunteer activities. They put together match activities, organize social gatherings, and help with mentor recruitment and recognition.