

Our Outcomes

The mentoring relationships made and supported by Big Brothers Big Sisters are shown to have positive, lasting impacts on the lives of the children we serve. Research shows that the sustained presence of a caring adult in a child's life positively impacts their commitment to stay in school, avoidance of risky behaviors and self confidence.

When compared with their non-mentored peers, Littles are:

- **46% less likely to begin illegal drug use**
- **52% less likely to skip school**
- **33% less likely to hit someone**

In a 2009 survey of alumni Littles:

- **77% said they are doing better in school because of their Big**
- **90% agreed that their Big made them feel better about themselves**
- **90% said their relationship helped them make better choices throughout their childhood**

The 2013 BBBS Youth Outcomes Survey reported that after a year in their one-to-one mentoring relationship, youth maintained or improved in:

- **Attitudes toward risky behaviors**
- **Educational Expectations**
- **Social acceptance**
- **Perceived scholastic competence**



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Western North Carolina

Start Something BIG!

Our vision is to inspire children to dream big everyday.

When you volunteer as a Big Brother or Big Sister, you're not just making a profound difference in the life of your Little, you're also strengthening your community and world.

For just a few hours each month, you can help a child succeed and truly start something...big.



Get Involved Today!

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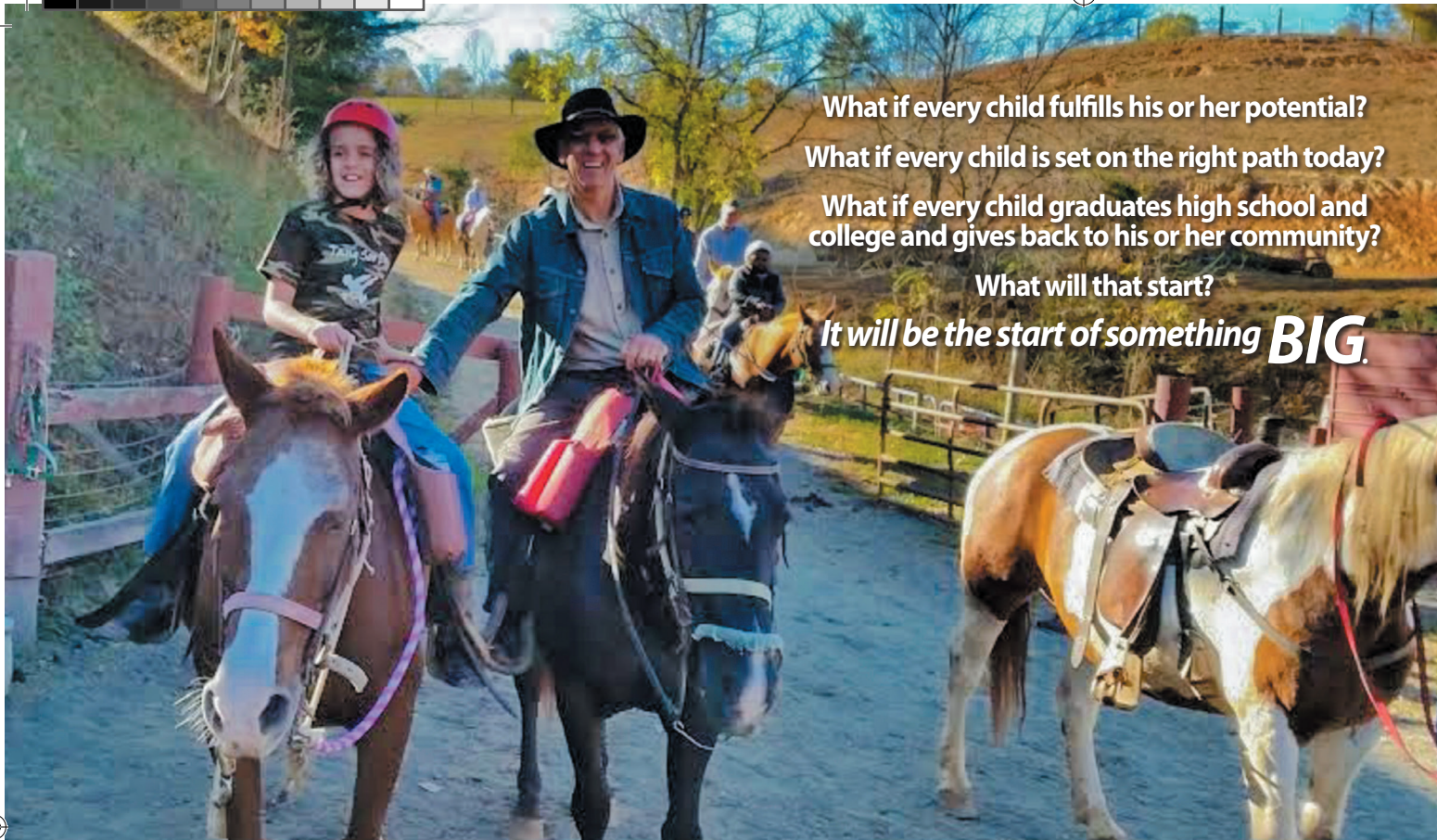
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What if every child fulfills his or her potential?
What if every child is set on the right path today?
What if every child graduates high school and college and gives back to his or her community?
What will that start?
*It will be the start of something **BIG**.*

Our Programs

Community-Based: Volunteers ages 18 and older are matched with children from single-parent families. "Bigs" schedule activities with their "Littles" at a minimum of two times each month.

After-School: In this program, volunteers ages 16 and older offer consistency, encouragement, and role modeling for their "Little" through engaging in fun activities at the child's after-school program site.

School-Based: Volunteers ages 16 and older are paired with elementary age youth for fun activities one hour each week at the child's school.



Helping Children Succeed

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina is working to ensure every child in WNC has an enjoyable, long-term relationship with a caring adult who believes in them and sees their potential.

We select and match mentors with children from diverse home environments and provide ongoing activities, training and support services for both families and volunteers to sustain a successful match relationship and a lasting connection.

When matched with their "Big", "Littles" gain a role model, a friend and new experiences through which they build higher aspirations for their lives. These relationships provide Littles with the support they need to achieve academic improvement, growth in self-confidence, development of life skills and avoidance of risky behaviors, while rewarding mentors with the experience of being an integral part of that young person's success.

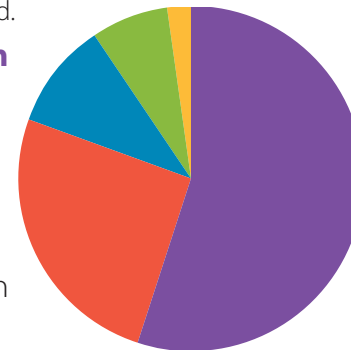
Thousands of children in our region are facing adversity, and enduring relationships with a caring mentors are proven to help them develop more positive visions of themselves and their futures—and to beat the odds.

The Children We Impact

Most of the children served by Big Brothers Big Sisters of WNC are in single parent and low-income families or households where a parent is incarcerated.

Ethnicity Breakdown

- 54% White
- 25% Black
- 10% Multi-Race
- 7% Hispanic
- 2% American Indian or Alaska Native



Your Support

In donating, you help provide a child with a caring mentor who provides guidance and support leading to long-term success in school and life. You make a difference by providing funding needed for professional, trained staff to carefully screen volunteers and match them in long-term, safe mentoring relationships.

By making a donation, you can help expand what's possible for WNC's youth—you have the power to change the life of a child for the better, forever.

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