

### Results & Rewards

A comprehensive survey conducted by Public/Private Ventures (1995) found that children matched to a Big Brother or Big Sister were:

- 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs
- 27% less likely to begin using alcohol
- 53% less likely to skip school
- 33% less likely to hit someone

These results are accomplished by increasing positive attributes in children, which research shows increases their ability to make positive choices. In Central Wisconsin (2004), evaluations show significant increase in positive attributes for children matched with a Big: 72.3% reported an increase in the child's self-confidence 45.0% reported better school performance 48.4% reported a better attitude toward teachers 45.0% reported child has better relationships with their peers 55.0% reported child is better able to open up to their parent or Big 40.0% reported the child is better able to accept responsibility Interesting finding...Big Brothers Big Sisters of America recently compared different types of school-based mentoring programs and found that those that focused on social/emotional development had a greater positive impact on children's grades than those programs focused on tutoring! (2005)

### REWARDS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Big Brothers and Big Sisters consistently tell us they get more than they give by being matched with Littles. That's because BBBS is about sharing Little Moments and Big Magic.

### QUOTES FROM BIGS

"It makes my everyday life much more interesting and enjoyable. Sharing my Little's childhood and teenage years has been my treasure."

"I look forward to seeing my Little Sister. She makes me laugh and makes me forget about work"

and any problems that I may have dealt with throughout the day."

"I enjoy hearing about the new and exciting things that occur in my Little Brother's life. It takes me back to those years and how fun they were."

"My Little Sister is very special to me and I have enjoyed watching her mature into a young adult."

"It makes me happy to see a young person smile. When we are together we both smile a lot."