

How to Refer

Children can be referred by parents, physicians, pediatricians, teachers, psychologists, and other community agencies.

There is no fee for our services.

Volunteers

Our volunteers are asked to make a full commitment to their program of choice. They are carefully screened and trained. The match relationships are supported by the BBBSHH staff.



Our Vision

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton and Hamilton has a vision to significantly contribute to the healthy development of youth in our community.

Our Mission

Our Mission is to provide quality mentoring relationships to children in need.



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Who we are

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton and Hamilton empowers the children it serves, while building a caring community through positive adult and teen mentoring. We are the leading child and youth mentoring service operating in Halton and Hamilton serving 2,700 children at risk.

What we do

We offer a variety of programs to provide children with the opportunity for friendship, increased confidence and improved social skills through positive interaction with an older role model.

Our volunteers may choose a program that suits their lifestyle so the friendship will be meaningful and fun! Each volunteer must successfully complete a police check, an application and a program training process.

Who uses our programs

The children, age 6-14; may be experiencing emotional, behavioural or social difficulties that put them at risk and may come from a home of any dynamic, diversity or socio-economic status.

- Kids who would benefit from the support, guidance and friendship of an adult.
- Kids who are willing to develop and maintain a friendship

The Traditional Big Brother Big Sister Program

Children (age 6-14) are matched 1:1 with a volunteer mentor to have weekly or bi-weekly outings in the community or in the mentor's home. The match is built on trust and common interests and is supported by our experienced case managers. Hiking, biking, mini putt, bowling, arts and crafts- the options are endless!

Matches are expected to last at least one year. Children age out of the program when they turn 18.

If you are interested in having your child enrolled in the Big Brother/Big Sister program, please do not hesitate to call us.

Success Story

Let's travel back in time to the year 2013. I was in grade 9 and living what I would consider a pretty boring life; I went to school, hung out with friends, dreaded math class and watched a bit more TV than recommended. Every Monday, I would talk to my friends about what they had done over the weekend, and I'd listen to them tell me about all of their cool adventures.

As for me, most of the time it was the same story – lots of TV watching, time at church, grocery shopping and of course, algebra homework. It was not as fun as going to the movies, or camping, or getting over your fear of heights with good company. It was around that

time that my mom signed me up to be matched with a Big Sister.

Let's fast forward to 2014 in Ottawa, Ontario at the BBBSC and BGCCAN YOUth In Office event. At this point I had been matched with my Big Sister Claire for a while, and since our match, my weekends became all the more eventful. We went to movies, camping, and I even tried to get over my fear of heights with her support (although I admit, I'm still working on the whole heights thing). I would share and talk about my dreams and passions and Claire would listen to me and advise me. She'd tell me about cool opportunities and she would help me to apply for them. One of those amazing opportunities was YOUth In Office. It was the first time I'd ever been to Parliament Hill and I left the 3 day event feeling like my voice mattered.

The following year I co-lead a PowerPoint! I never would have thought that I'd be holding a microphone, having people listen to me speak. Big Brothers Big Sisters believed in my abilities and encouraged my passions and gave me a platform to voice my opinions. The most recent example of this was at the National Convention. As a member of the National Youth Council, I was able to discuss and voice my concerns and ideas with other amazing youth and be heard. I left feeling more empowered than ever before. I can't wait to partake in more world changing conversations around youth mentoring at future conventions.

Keyla (BBBSC National Youth Council Member)