

A **BIG** Help

Give your child a Big Brother or Big Sister

It's no secret that raising a child is a challenge. And if you're a single parent or a family with special needs, that challenge can be overwhelming. There just aren't enough hours in each day to address life's demands, and resources may be limited.



The Jewish Big Brother Big Sister program can help.

Who is eligible?

- Your child is between the ages 7 and 16
- You are raising your child with a Jewish identity
- You are a single-parent or a family with special needs

If this describes your family, then your child is eligible to be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister. You and your child will meet with our social workers who will assess how to make the best match for your child.

How is a match made?

All Big Brothers and Big Sisters are 21-years-of age or older, relate well to children and are carefully screened and supervised by our licensed social workers before they meet your child. Matches are based on your child's individual needs as well as personalities, common interests and compatible levels of religious observance. We ask volunteers to make a one-year commitment to the program to help build trust and consistency for your child. Social workers are in close contact with your child, your family and your Big to ensure a mutually beneficial relationship.

For Parents

The gift of friendship

A Big does not take the place of a parent or babysitter. Instead, a Big is a special adult friend for your child. The Big and your child will do activities any friends would do together – play ball, visit museums, or engage in arts and crafts projects. Outings take place two weekend afternoons each month.

Special events create special times together

From time to time, our program sponsors special group activities and offers free tickets to shows, sporting and cultural events for all of our Bigs and Littles. These activities allow Bigs and Littles to meet each other, socialize and discover what other matches are doing.

How to reach us

If you would like more information on how your child can meet a special adult friend, please call (212) 582-9100, ext. 1860.

Or email: voldiv@jbfcs.org

