

# School-Based Mentoring Program: School Friends Bigs

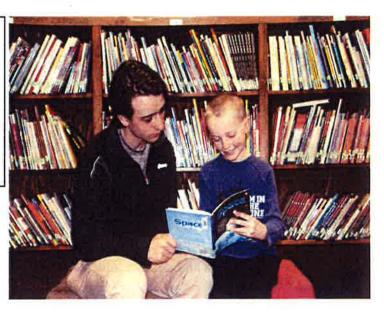
The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Green County is to help children reach their full potential through professionally supported, one-to-one mentoring relationships.

It's simple! **School Friends** Bigs are matched one-to-one to a child, or as close as participant numbers allow, and visit them at school once per week.

You and your "Little" can share in fun activities such as:

- · Reading or doing homework together
- Playing a card or board game
- Doing a craft project
- Simply hanging out and talking





Being a Big Brother or Big Sister is one of the most enjoyable, fulfilling things you will ever do. You have an opportunity to shape a child's future for the better by empowering them to achieve. The best part is, it is actually a lot of fun.

Through the consistent support and guidance you provide your Little in the School Friends program, you can have a lasting impact on the life of a child in your community.

Traci Newman Match Support Specialist



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Green County

1505 Ninth Street Monroe, WI 53566

**Cell** (608)279-5993 **Tel** (608)325-7855

traci.l.newman@gmail.com www.bbbsgreen.org



## Becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister is One of the Most Rewarding and Enjoyable Things You Will Ever Do.

#### Eligibility for the School Friends Program:

- A willingness to make a BIG difference in the life of a child!
- Ability to get together weekly over the school year.
- Be willing to commit to being matched for a minimum of two trimesters.

#### **Application Process:**

- 1. Apply: The application is available from your school office or on our website. It asks for general information about you and contact information for two references. It also gives us permission to conduct a background check.
- 2. Interview/Orientation: During this confidential meeting with the program supervisor, you will be asked to share background information and to describe activities you enjoy. This helps us identify a Little Brother or Little Sister who will be a good match for you. It will give you an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about what being a Big is like.
- 3. Meet Your Little: On your first day, you will meet your new Little, play and get to know each other. A Big Brothers Big Sisters Match Support Specialist will be there to answer any questions and coach you as you develop a relationship with your new Little.

### Big's Bonus Benefits!

Besides the rewarding feeling of accomplishment, there are other benefits to being a Big. Being a Big is an excellent activity to include on college and job applications. The Program Manager may be used for job references. The manager is also a good resource for letters of recommendation that are required for colleges, scholarships, and other activities. This program qualifies Bigs for the Green County Big Brothers Big Sisters' scholarships given each year.

#### **School Friends Schedule**

#### ALBANY SCHOOL DISTRICT

400 5th Street, Albany \*Meets in the Library Wednesdays: 2:30 to 3:30

#### JUDA SCHOOL DISTRICT

N2385 Spring Street, Juda Thursdays: 2:15 to 3:00

#### MONTICELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT

334 South Main Street, Monticello \*Meets in the High School Library

Thursdays: 3:10-4:00

#### BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

2501 W. 5th Ave, Brodhead (High School Bldg) \*Meets at the Elementary School Tuesdays: 3:15-4:15 (Littles will be there when they are dis-

missed so Bigs are asked to come asap)

#### MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT

1600 26th Street, Monroe (High School Bldg) Meets at the Monroe High School Early Release Mondays: 2:15-3:30

#### NEW GLARUS SCHOOL DISTRICT

1701 2nd Street, New Glarus (High School Bldg) \*Meets in the High School Commons

Early Release Mondays: