



2022-2023
ANNUAL REPORT

OUR YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND VOLUNTEERS REPRESENT THE POWER OF HUMAN CONNECTION AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE LIFT EACH OTHER UP. ""

> - Darcey Palmer-Shultz **Chief Executive Officer**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

At the very center of our mission, our youth, families, and volunteers represent the power of human connection and what happens when we lift each other up.

With the courage and resolve to do more for our community's kids, and the growing demand for our agency's support, BBBSCI embarked on a new Strategic and Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (JEDI) plan. This plan incorporated the voices of our youth, families, volunteers, community partners, and others to set the course for how BBBSCI will empower more young people in the years ahead.

We are proud to report on the first year of efforts on these top three priorities:

ACCELERATE THE REACH AND IMPACT OF ONE-TO-ONE MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS.

With an emphasis on strategies to increase the number and diversity of volunteers, BBBSCI will pair more young people with caring adult mentors. We know this is what our agency does best, and we are committed to creating more one-to-one mentoring friendships.

PROVIDE QUALITY SUPPORT OPTIONS FOR ALL REFERRED YOUTH.

With approximately 1,000 kids waiting for a caring adult mentor, the need continues to outpace our current delivery model. In response to this need, our agency will collaborate with fellow community organizations to create quality support options for youth and families and expand our mentoring services, with the end goal of providing support to every child who asks for it.

CONVENE COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO ADDRESS SYSTEMIC ISSUES AND IGNITE THE PROMISE OF YOUTH.

BBBSCI plans to leverage our strengths to engage in even more inclusive efforts that support the greater well-being of all young people in our community. In collaboration with other youth and family services, we will work together to empower the next generation of changemakers.

BBBSCI is proud of the progress made in year one of our plan and excited to build on this strong start. We are grateful to you, our supporters and volunteers, for standing with us again this year. We are evolving to strengthen our impact for young people, and we can't do it without you.

Together, we lift each other up.



DARGEY PALMER-SHULTZ Chief Executive Officer



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With gratitude,

Daving Palmer-Shulty Brandi Davis-Handy

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A LITTLE ASKS FOR A BIG

"ISAIAH WAS JUST ONE OF 136 YOUTH CONNECTED TO A SERVICE WHILE WAITING FOR A BIG."

eet Christian: A 9-year-old future NBA star. When he's not balling on the court, Christian is studying hard because he loves school. On the list of fun activities Christian wanted to do when he was matched with a Big, he included basketball, reading, and a trip to Rick's Cafe Boatyard. Why Rick's Cafe Boatyard, you ask? Because they have the best popcorn shrimp, of course! Christian's biggest fan is his mom, Teonna, who was eager for Christian to find a Big of his own and made sure to sign him up as soon as he became eligible at 8 years old. Christian waited for more than a year before he was finally matched

with a Big he could school on the basketball court.

Christian knew he wanted a Big because his older sister, Ta'Nya, had been matched with her Big, Amie, since...forever! They were a part of our program for eight years before graduating in 2023. After spending the summer in Spain for a study abroad experience, Ta'Nya's on her way to college knowing Amie is still right beside her.

"CHRISTIAN WAITED FOR MORE THAN A YEAR BEFORE HE WAS FINALLY MATCHED WITH A BIG.

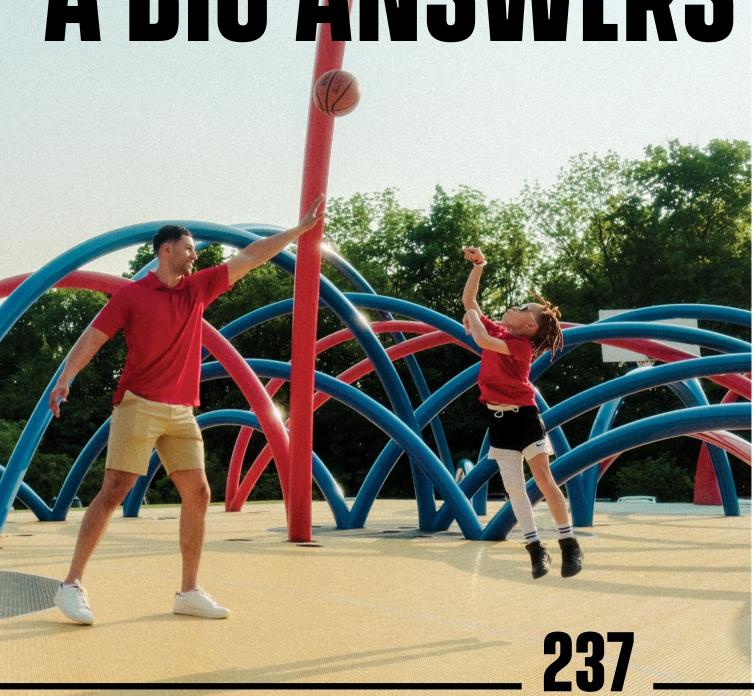
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REFERRED

eet Isaiah: A 13-year-old future YouTuber. Isaiah is shy at first, but once he is comfortable, he sure likes to talk. He dreams of being a famous YouTube sensation. Isaiah wanted a Big who shared his interest in Anime and video games and could help him learn long division. Isaiah signed up to meet his future Big with the support of his awesome mom, Jonelle.

Isaiah waited for three years to find the right Big, but while he waited, BBBSCI connected Isaiah with 100 Black Men of Indianapolis. Not only did Isaiah participate in The 100's team mentoring program, he was also asked to speak at the national convention. Isaiah's mom, Jonelle, was thrilled to share his participation with our agency and even sent photos! BBBSCI partners with 21 youth-supporting organizations throughout Central Indiana to connect young people referred to our program with resources. Isaiah was just one of 136 youth connected to a service while waiting for a Big. To strengthen this piece of our program, we've created a new position to reach out to like-minded organizations and build partnerships with one goal in mind — empower young people.

21REFERRED YOUTH PROGRAM PARTNERS

A BIG ANSWERS THE CALL



eet Christian and Brock. Big Brother Brock decided to become a Big to be there for a "smaller version of himself." Brock and Christian were carefully paired through our enrollment and matching process by a team of staff dedicated to matching just the right Big with just the right Little. The team evaluates applicants and interviews them to look for similar interests and goals, and in this case, a mutual love of basketball! We knew we got it right when Teonna, Christian's mom, said she wouldn't change a thing about the match.



eet Isaiah and Taylor. Taylor knows the importance of having a positive role model, so he signed up to be a mentor. Our Community Engagement & Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Initiatives team leads volunteer recruitment efforts to reach people like Taylor. This past year, BBBSCI led a strategic 500 Bigs by the Indy 500 campaign in partnership with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, which resulted in increased volunteer interest! Jonelle shared after their match introduction that Taylor was worth the three-year wait for her son's Big. We can't wait to make more matches like Taylor and Isaiah, who were matched because of a shared love of dogs, the outdoors, and video games.



1032
TOTAL MATCHES



When we joined forces with Teonna, Christian and Ta'Nya's mom, we started something magical. But creating these mentoring friendships is just the beginning of our program. Activities in our Little Impacts program inspire Littles to develop a love of learning, mental and physical health, confidence, and more. In high school, youth join our Big Futures program, which connects Bigs, Littles, and families to opportunities for young people to explore what's possible beyond graduation. Together, these activities shape how young people see themselves and empower them to find their version of success.

Along each step of our program, youth are encouraged to discover their inherent potential. While in high school, Ta'Nya was an active member of BBBSCI's Youth Leadership Council established in partnership with the Indianapolis Colts. The Council's goal is to offer a space for young people to provide input and direction for our program, and ultimately, for them to know that their voice matters. Christian is on his way to his own incredible future, just like his sister, and with advocates like Teonna and Brock cheering him on, Christian is destined for stardom.

BBBSCI is dedicated to connecting all our Bigs, Littles, and their families to wraparound services.

Recently, Little Isaiah experienced a tragedy that led to a lengthy hospital stay. His Mentoring

Relationship Specialist, who is assigned to support his match, showed up with a special blanket just for him from a staff member and connected the family to multiple community support options. Isaiah is healing and has returned home. He has a big and bright future ahead – whether it's on a famous YouTube channel or beyond. We can't wait to see what he does next.

Our agency hears and sees the systemic issues and barriers facing families across Central Indiana. This past year, we convened youth development professionals and community partners to discuss and address the disparities felt by marginalized groups. What centers us is the belief in the power and promise of young people. The kind of belief that Jonelle, Isaiah's mom, has in her son. Jonelle stops at nothing to open doors of opportunity for Isaiah and to let her son know that he is **seen**, **loved**, **and empowered**. Together, we are committed to lifting up Isaiah and the more than 1,000 young people in our program this year.

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105 MATCH ACTIVITIES



"WHAT CENTERS US IS THE BELIEF IN THE POWER AND PROMISE OF YOUNG PEOPLE."

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES





ADAM & WAYNE | MATCHED IN 1988

DAVID & MARCUS | MATCHED IN 1970





DIANE & CANDICE | MATCHED IN 1999

VICKI 8 MAE | MATCHED IN 2007

CHANGEMAKER OF THE YEAR AWARDS







CORPORATE PARTNER

SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED THEIR LEVEL OF FUNDING

COMMUNITY PARTNER

OPENED THE DOOR TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER PARTNER

A LEADER IN BIG REGRUITMENT

MATCHES OF THE YEAR



















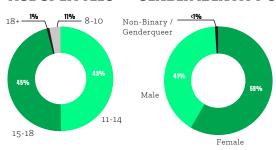


A PROGRAM FOR EVERYONE

RACE 8 ETHNICITY OF LITTLES

American Indian/Alaskan Native <1% Asian/Pacific Islander ... African American/Black..... Caucasian/White......19% Hispanic/Latinx.....6% Middle Eastern or North African......<1% Multi-Race or Some Other Race....... 13%

AGE OF LITTLES GENDER IDENTITY OF LITTLES





87% of Littles are eligible for free or reduced lunch

of Littles are impacted by an incarceration

YOUTH ARE BUILDING VITAL SKILLS FOR PERSONAL SUCCESS DURING RECORD HIGH LEVELS OF ANXIETY & DEPRESSION.

AT LEAST of youth maintained or improved skills for handling their emotions. AT LEAST of youth maintained or improved social competence.

AT LEAST of youth reduced or continued to find relief for depressive symptoms.

YOUTH ARE MAKING HEALTHY CHOICES AND HAVE A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE.

of youth reduced or continued to avoid risky behaviors, such as school discipline.

of youth reduced or continued to avoid risky behaviors, such as substance use.

of youth maintained or improved academic performance and grades.

of youth graduated from high school.

MATCHES BY COUNTY

COUNTY	% OF TOTAL MATCHES
Marion	77%
Hamilton	13%
Johnson	8%
Other	2%



2% Littles who identify as LGBTQ+

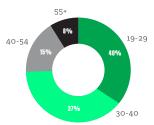
Bigs who identify as LGBTQ+

3.5 YEARS

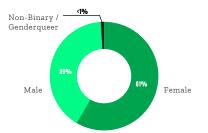
RACE & ETHNICITY OF BIGS

Asian/Pacific Islander4%
African American/Black11%
Caucasian/White78%
Hispanic/Latinx2%
Middle Eastern or North African<19
Multi-Race or Some Other Race 5%

AGE OF BIGS



GENDER IDENTITY OF BIGS



100% OF BIGS ATTENDED A TRAINING ABOUT YOUTI DEVELOPMENT AND JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION















FINANCIALS =====

Total Revenue & Support in 2022–2023

\$4,120,571

Individual Contributions* \$:	1,748,197	429
Grants*	\$832,327	209
Special Events	\$462,766	11%
Corporate Contributions	\$450,640	11%
In-Kind	\$236,729	6%
Investment Return	\$218,336	6%
Government Grants	\$135,072	3%
United Way of Johnson County	\$36,504	1%

Total Expenses in 2022–2023

\$3,172,277

Program Services	\$2,464,063	78%
Fundraising	\$475,119	15%
Management & General	\$233,095	7%

^{*}These line items include multi-year pledges to be realized in future fiscal years.

\$236,279 IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

2,365
BOARD HOURS

79,128 MENTOR HOURS

Our generous volunteers, board members, and donors are the **best** around!

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\$346,236 THE MAIN EVENT

\$59,054 PLAY FOR KIDS





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