SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAM

Our Volunteers

- Are at least 18 years old.
- Are able to make a one year commitment to the program.
- Are able to spend one hour each week with a child at their school.
- Complete a mentor training prior to being matched in the BBBS program.
- · Have reliable transportation to the school.

If there is any history of drug or alcohol use, there must be two years of consecutive sobriety or non-usage.

Enrollment of Volunteers

After you fill out the enrollment forms, we:

- · Complete reference checks.
- Complete background checks for child abuse/ neglect as well as a criminal record.
- · Complete a personal interview.

Our Children

- Are referred by school personnel who have identified students that may benefit from additional adult support and attention.
- Are between grades 1-5.
- Attend Madison or Jefferson Elementary in Fargo or Robert Asp Elementary in Moorhead.
- Want to participate in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program.

The Matching Process

- When we feel we have a possible match, a case manager will call you to provide background information about a potential "Little."
- If you feel this is a positive match, we'll set up a time with you to tour the school, familiarize you with school staff and program/school ground rules, and introduce you to the Little.



Match Support

- Your case manager will contact both you and your Little throughout the match. This will ensure your match is successful and moving in a positive direction. The Big Brothers Big Sisters Program encourages you to contact your case manager with questions or concerns at any time!
- A review of your match will be completed at the end of each school year. This allows you to provide information about your match as well as strengths and areas of improvement for your Little.

