



Dear Big Brothers Big Sisters of Green County Supporter:

This holiday season, we'd like to share with you the enduring importance of mentorship—a gift that keeps on giving to both Bigs and Littles. It's a journey of shared wisdom and growth, empowering youth to reach their fullest potential.

Mentorship is also a powerful force for change in our ever-evolving world. It fosters resilience and adaptability in the face of uncertainty and JOY. It fuels dreams and aspirations, propelling individuals towards a brighter future. We are thankful for the support of our donors and community which allows us to continue this important mission.

Big Brothers Big Sisters brings youth and mentors together to create friendships that can last a lifetime. We invite you to join us! Please use the enclosed envelope or visit our website www.bbbsgreencounty.org to donate today to empower ALL youth to reach their full potential.

## A MATCH STORY

Big Sister, Vicki was matched with her Little Brother, Abran September 28, 2016. When asked why Vicki wanted to become a Big Sister, she said that she had a new grandson and wanted to be matched with a boy to get used to doing boy things. She was anxious to get involved and help out a child if she could. Vicki said that over the years she feels like she has been a mentor to Abran and they talk very easily together. She said Abran's mother and grandmother have been great to work with. They communicate very well and keep connected. Vicki said she loves to visit with them and feels they have become close and have a special friendship. Read more on the backside...









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## A MATCH STORY Continued...

Vicki said the main thing that she and Abran do together is eat! She said no matter what they do, they always eat together whether it's going out to eat or making a meal together. Vicki said they have had many fun memories like going to the circus, trampoline park, movies, a hockey game and Little Amerricka Amusement Park. They have had bonfires with plenty of smores and gone to the farm where Abran rode on a tractor and a combine. They have also done lots of shopping!! Vicki and Abran started out as a Lunch Buddy match and continued that until last year, but also did things as a community match. She said they did simple things like yard work, cooking out and going on ranger rides. Whatever they have done, Vicki said it's been a lot of fun!

Vicki said she highly recommends the program to anyone thinking about doing it. She said she would tell them to "Just Do It"! Vicki said it's been very rewarding, and she thought she was doing this to help a kid, but in some ways Abran has helped her! "Abran just fills me with joy by being with him!" They most definitely have a lifelong friendship that began 8 years ago!

Little Brother Abran said that Vicki has been a good role model to him and has always been there for him when he needed her. "Vicki has always believed in me!! I have experienced the world with Vicki!" They have done so many things together and Abran said he likes most going out to eat with Vicki and catching up on what is going on in their lives. Abran feels Vicki has shown him guidance, how to be a mature adult and taught him a lot of things he wouldn't have had the opportunity to learn. She even takes Abran driving now that he has his driver's permit.

Abran said he recommends to any kid/family thinking about the program to join! He said it's been a really good experience to get out and create a 1 to 1 bond! Abran said he is so glad to be able to have this bond with Vicki!!

Abran's mother, Krystal said she signed Abran up for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program when he saw his sisters' interactions with their Bigs and he wanted to experience it also. Krystal said Abran has become more social with people and hardworking since he's been matched with Vicki. Krystal said she wanted a connection for Abran with someone outside of their family. She said Vicki provides that connection and it's been a great thing! The program has been great for all of her kids and she recommends for parents to get their kids involved.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is proud to have a match such as Vicki and Abran representing our program!!

Donors like you are critical to ensuring BBBS of Green County has the resources needed for Littles to experience mentoring like Abran did and that our office has the operating funds needed to continue our programs and services. We can't do it without you.

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