

Did you know BVSWMA is a sponsor of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Brazos Valley?

“Hopefully most people have heard of Big Brothers Big Sisters because we have been around for about 121 years. We are known for our community-based 1-on-1 mentoring and our vision is that we can help every child succeed in life,” Branch Director, Karen Story, said.

There are several ways you can support that vision.

“We always need supplies. We have an awesome wishlist we’re about to post on our website where you can go to Amazon and buy crafting things, things we can use in our afterschool programs, and more basic supplies. We always need monetary donations. You can visit our website and make a cash donation. And we always look forward to people expressing interest in volunteering to be a Big. It is a wonderful opportunity to give back to our community and I promise you, our Bigs grow and learn and have as much fun as our Littles do,” Story said.

To be a Big, the requirements include...

“You are over 18. You have one year to commit. Hopefully no big changes in your life like a move in the near future. You must fill out an application online. We will conduct an interview and a background check. We also do training. We’re not just setting you up and hoping you guys have fun. We invest a lot in the recruiting, screening, and training of our volunteers,” Story explained.

Research shows how beneficial this mentorship program really is.

“There is new research that just came out last week is very exciting. We are seeing some really positive changes in our kids. We have 100% graduation rate, meaning all of the kids in our program graduate high school. We got a really sweet email from a mom the other day after we matched her second child. She said the matches we made for her girls are perfect. Our parents love our Bigs. Our kids love our Bigs. And our Bigs truly enjoy the opportunities they get to go out and do fun things and see the positive changes in their Littles,” Story said.

Big Brothers Big Sisters has some great events coming up, so be sure to check their social media pages for more information like dates and ticket availability. ([@BBBSBrazos](#))