



## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

*You can make a **BIG** impact by being a Big Brother or Big Sister!*

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County is seeking extraordinary men and women to extend their hearts and develop a friendship with a child in our community.

There are two mentoring opportunities with Big Brothers Big Sisters and within each of these programs are specialized mentoring opportunities:

### Community Based

- The matches are able to schedule their own activities within the community.
- This mentoring relationship will endure for **at least one year**, and at most a lifetime! The mentor and mentee must meet a minimum of 1 hour per week (or four hours monthly).
- Meeting times and activities are determined between the mentor and mentee.
- Couples ( married or two individuals of the same gender) may mentor a child together.

### SITE Based

#### Bigs In-Schools

- The mentor joins his/her mentee at a school during the recess-lunch period (usually 40 minutes) for **one day each week, for one calendar year, but not over the summer**.
- The mentors and mentees participate in activities such as eating lunch together, playing games, working on academics or just taking a walk on the school grounds. Bigs In-Schools is a perfect way to gain a greater sense of community.
- **SITE Based Plus** ○ Mentors can choose to add elements of the Community Based program to the existing Bigs in Schools program which could involve taking their Little off the school campus for lunch or a trip to an employer or to attend one or more of our scheduled BBBSJC events.