

# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

## VOLUNTEER AS A MENTOR

### • Community-Based Mentoring

Volunteer mentors (Bigs) are matched with a mentee (Little) who lives within 30 minutes of where they live. The pair meets on weekends or after school to enjoy one-on-one activities together like playing sports, visiting the library, or just going for a walk and talking. Bigs spend time with their Little 2-4 times per month and need to make a minimum one-year commitment.

### • School-Based Mentoring

Sometimes the best place for a mentoring pair to enjoy activities together is through structured programs at the young person's school. This is a great opportunity for Bigs who have limited availability on weekends.

### School-based Option 1:

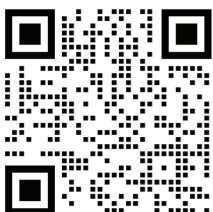
#### Russell Byers Charter School

Adults who live or work in Center City are matched as a mentor to an elementary or middle school aged student at Russell Byers Charter School (located at 19th and Arch). Bigs visit their Little once per week during the 45-minute lunch period, and can choose any day of the week that works best with their schedule. Pairs enjoy talking and eating lunch, playing games, and doing art during their time together. Visits occur only at the school during the school year and Bigs should be able to make at least a one school year commitment.

### School-based Option 2:

#### Mentor 2.0

Mentors in this program have experience in one of the 4 E's (Enrollment, Employment, Enlistment, Entrepreneurship) and are matched with a high school student at either our Center City or Camden location. Mentoring pairs use an interactive online curriculum to navigate the post-secondary planning process as a team, and meet once per month in person at the school in the evening, only during the school year. A minimum of one school year commitment is required, but ideally pairs are stay matched for all four years of high school.



To get started with community-based or school-based mentoring please scan the QR code!

For more information about any of our volunteer opportunities, including corporate workplace mentoring options, and university mentoring programs, reach out to [volunteer@independencebigs.org](mailto:volunteer@independencebigs.org).



## SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

### LGBTQ+ Focused

- **Pride Empowerment Program:**

Mentors who identify within the LGBTQ+ community are matched with a GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance) space at a high school or middle school, and volunteer along BBBSI staff and school staff to support students in a group mentoring structured space.

- **Rainbow Bigs:**

We serve a diverse group of young people with varying preferences for the mentor they would like to be matched with. Rainbow Bigs are mentors who identify as LGBTQ+ that are matched with a young person in our community-based program, who has made a specific request to be matched with a Big who identifies within this community.

For more information, please contact Tim McKinney at [tmckinney@independencebigs.org](mailto:tmckinney@independencebigs.org).

### Big Futures:

Big Futures refers to all of our programming related to post-secondary success. Get involved as a guest speaker to high school and college students, lead a workshop, support the scholarship program, or provide internships, apprenticeships and/or career shadowing opportunities to our Littles.

For more information, please contact Sindy Nelson at [snelson@independencebigs.org](mailto:snelson@independencebigs.org).

## VOLUNTEER AT AN EVENT

Don't have time to be a Big right now? Consider volunteering at an event to support our families, such as the Big Day Out picnic at Franklin Square, a backpack drive, or holiday care package delivery!

For more information, please email [volunteer@independencebigs.org](mailto:volunteer@independencebigs.org).

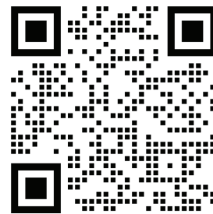
## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay in the loop about upcoming events, volunteer needs, and other happenings by following us on your favorite social media accounts, and reposting to your networks. By liking, sharing, and supporting our social media, you help amplify our voice to reach more people!

## BECOME A DONOR OR SPONSOR

Your financial support helps us to do what we do best.

- Empower kids in our community to achieve their full potential. Not everyone has the same opportunity in life, but your donation helps us develop more college grads, community leaders, business leaders and entrepreneurs.
- Monthly giving is the easiest way to make a huge impact on our programs. Monthly gifts of all sizes help provide a reliable and consistent source of funding to create and sustain mentoring relationships throughout the year.
- Make a one-time gift of any size to ensure quality mentoring can continue despite these uncertain times.



Scan the QR code to learn more or donate today!

- Purchase tickets to any of our signature events throughout the year or become a corporate sponsor.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please reach out to Daniel DeYoung at [ddeyoung@independencebigs.org](mailto:ddeyoung@independencebigs.org).

## JOIN A BOARD OR AFFINITY GROUP

- Governing Board of Directors
- Philadelphia County Regional Advisory Board
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For more information please contact the Advancement Team at [advancement@independencebigs.org](mailto:advancement@independencebigs.org).



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