

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE LOWCOUNTRY MATCH SUCCESS STORY



“Hunter and Messiah”

Liz first reached out to Big Brothers Big Sisters because she wanted to find her son, Messiah, a male role model and a mentor to help him navigate life's lessons and offer a guiding hand. She describes Messiah's personality as a "funny class clown," and she was thrilled when he was matched with Big Brother, Hunter. Messiah is someone who enjoys having conversations and discussions, and he loves anime, football, and gaming. Since being matched with Hunter, Messiah has become more confident and comfortable being himself. Liz shared that she's seen Messiah "open up more and be more comfortable as himself around Hunter" who has helped her son tremendously. Liz is excited about Messiah's growing success in academics, sports, and hobbies.



For Messiah, the experience is just as transformative. Although he initially couldn't pinpoint why he wanted a Big, the joy of spending time with Hunter is undeniable. Whether playing football, video games, fishing, or planning future rock-climbing adventures, Messiah appreciates how Hunter supports him in achieving goals and taking accountability.

Hunter volunteered a good bit in his past, and he wanted to continue doing so when he moved to Charleston. He decided to volunteer as a Big so that he "could make an impact in the community on an individual level." He's found his experience as a Big Brother profoundly rewarding and has seen Messiah grow in confidence and openness, sharing both joys and challenges. Their shared interests in math and movies, included a memorable outing to see the latest King Kong movie, have deepened their connection. Hunter shared that he most admires Messiah for his transparency, honesty, and vulnerability. "Messiah doesn't hold back," shared Hunter.

This match exemplifies the core mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters: to foster meaningful relationships that enrich the lives of young people in our community. Hunter and Messiah's journey is just one of many stories of impact made possible by the support of our volunteers, donors, and families LIKE YOU. Thank you!