

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE LOWCOUNTRY: MATCH SUCCESS STORY



Bryce & Darryl

When Latoya sought a Big Brother for her son Darryl, she hoped to find someone who could help him open up and spend quality time with him, especially since she often juggles a busy schedule with work and running a small business. Having seen the positive impact a Big Sister had on her daughter, Latoya wanted the same for Darryl. She found exactly what she was looking for in Bryce.

Since their match on October 2, 2023, Bryce and Darryl have formed a strong bond that has brought out the best in Darryl. "Bryce helps him come out and gets him out of the house. I think this is the reason he is opening up so much. He comes and supports him at football games. He makes himself available," says Latoya. Darryl, once shy and quiet, is now more open and talkative, even showing a newfound confidence both on and off the football field.

For Darryl, having Bryce in his life has been nothing short of fun and enriching. "My sister said it was fun!" Darryl recalls when asked why he wanted a Big Brother. Beyond the fun, Bryce has also been a great mentor, helping Darryl improve his math skills, particularly multiplication. "He teaches me multiplication, and I am getting a lot better with it," Darryl shares with pride.

Bryce, who decided to become a Big Brother to give back to the community and gain insight into the world of kids, has seen remarkable growth in Darryl. "He was extremely quiet at the beginning. Although

he still is quiet, he is more comfortable and confident with me," Bryce says. Their shared interests, like video games, swimming, and a love for learning, have only strengthened their bond.

One of Bryce's favorite memories with Darryl is taking him to a rope course at James Island. "He went across the top level all on his own," Bryce remembers fondly. Darryl also recently won MVP in his flag football league and is already setting his sights on playing tackle football, with dreams of one day playing for the Minnesota Vikings.

Bryce admires Darryl's kindness and consideration for others, especially his family. "He cares about his siblings and mom a lot. He doesn't want to disrupt people; he is kind to other children, considerate of others," Bryce notes.

Their relationship is a testament to the impact that mentorship can have. "This is a great opportunity for people to be a role model for young people. They will really look up to you. It is not a big time commitment but can make all the difference," Bryce emphasizes.