



MEET RICH, BIG BROTHER OF THE YEAR.

Rich has been matched with his Little Brother, Kadir, for five years. The impact that Rich has had on his Little is exactly what Big Brothers Big Sisters is all about. Rich has been there to encourage Kadir through the tough times, laugh with him during the good times, and embrace him when he's done the right thing. When Kadir had to move away for a while to a different state, Rich was consistent with motivating phone calls to see how Kadir was coping. Instead of closing the match after the move, Rich waited until his Little returned back home and their relationship picked right back up like Kadir never moved away.

Not long ago, Kadir got into some trouble and was kicked off the high school basketball team as a junior. Knowing how much basketball meant to Kadir, Rich took the initiative to meet with the head coach to discuss a second chance for his Little Brother. After a very intense discussion, the coach decided to give Kadir another opportunity to be a part of the team. When asked of Kadir what he thought of his Big Brother, Kadir replied "He is family to me, and I'm thankful to have him in my life."

Rich is a Big Brothers Big Sisters of East TN board member and has been the Fund Development Chair for the past four years. Rich serves on numerous committees and is one of the largest advocates of the agency.



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