The Menomonie Area Chamber has partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin to work and play! We’re asking employees to consider volunteering to impact children’s lives with site-based mentoring. Work and Play is a fulfilling opportunity for employees to represent The Menomonie Chamber and help change the life of a child through one-to-one mentoring. The Menomonie Chamber has committed to recruiting 4 or more volunteers Bigs. Want to know more? Speak with our Ambassador {____________} to get started!

**Start a friendship make a difference!**

**What activities do you enjoy?** Being a Big Brother or Big Sister is as simple as doing the things you already enjoy and sharing them with a child.

**Volunteer Mentors (ie, Bigs):**

- **Spend at least 1 hour per week** with a child. *(your Little)*
- Your match with your Little is based on **mutual interests** or complimentary personality traits; so share you hobbies!
- **Commit to at least 1 year** with your Little. Studies show any less wouldn’t be helpful.
- **To be a Big you must be 19 years old and pass a background check.**

There are **2 types of mentoring** with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin:

**Site-Based Mentoring**

The child and the volunteer meet at a set date and time each week at the child’s school or at a specific site to participate in self-directed activities such as: sharing a meal, playing a board game, playground activities, making crafts, etc.

**Community-Based Mentoring**

The child and volunteer arrange their meetings (with parent approval) based upon what fits into their schedules. They participate in activities in the community such as: going for a walk in the park, playing catch, going out to eat, watching a movie, etc.

*81%* of former Littles say their Big caused them to change what they thought possible in life.

*According to a survey completed by Harris Interactive*

There are many ways to get involved, including:
- Being a Big
- Donating
- Joining a Committee or Regional Board of Directors
- Participating in Bowl for Kids’ Sake
- Enrolling a Child