We're happy to share with you our 2020-2021 Impact Report. While the past 18 months have presented us with many challenges, our staff and Board of Directors have worked diligently to continue our core mission: creating and supporting one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. We are 100% supported by our community, which means there is no cost for our Littles or Bigs to participate in our programs. I hope this report will give you an overview of the impact we're making in Yellowstone County. Thank you for helping us make a BIG impact.

Warmest Regards, Amy Riesinger Executive Director

MEET A MATCH:

Big Brother Blade & Little Brother Jess

Matched for nearly a decade, Blade and Jess have weathered many good times, and faced some challenges together.

After Jess's mom and dad divorced and his dad was deployed to Afghanistan, Jess's mom decided a Big Brother could be a great male role model for him. Jess says "things started out slowly in the beginning and we didn't talk much." Now, almost ten years later they enjoy golfing, going out to eat, playing video games and watching movies.

When asked about his favorite memory over the last decade, Blade said, "There are a lot. But in recent memory, when he [Jess] was just getting his driver's license he drove us to Scheels and took Shiloh. I think it was his first time in a roundabout. Needless to say, it got a little exciting in a few of the roundabouts on the way. We made it there in one piece." 😊
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yellowstone County depends on community partners to fulfill our mission. BIG thanks to two of our long-term partners

“Being a highly successful national professional engineering business with Montana roots, ECI is very passionate about using our good fortune to help others by giving back to the communities we live and work in. As a major donor each year to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yellowstone County, we firmly believe in their cause and their ability to positively affect the lives of the youth in those communities. We feel that donors are key to this - when we give, we are providing the organization the ability to reach out to these young people and empower them to achieve their full potential”

David Anderson
Executive Vice President
Electrical Consultants, Inc.

Laurel Public Schools
For more than 15 years Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yellowstone County has partnered with the Laurel Public Schools to offer vital mentoring programs to kids in Laurel. Each school year juniors and seniors (Bigs) at Laurel High School, who select the BBBS elective class, are matched with one or two Littles, grades K-8. Bigs are expected to meet with their Littles at least twice a week. Bigs will document their visits, as well as, participate in weekly “Bigs” class to learn how to effectively mentor their Littles. Bigs participating in the BBBS program receive .5 credits for successfully completing all requirements.

“The BBBS program has been a part of the Laurel School District for over fifteen years and is not only beneficial for our younger students, but our high school students as well. Our “Bigs” receive structured training and guidance on how to be a mentor. This also teaches responsibility to self and others. Our “Littles” look forward to spending time with their Bigs and listen to them on the importance of graduating and making wise decisions” Dr. Linda Filpula, Superintendent, Laurel Public Schools

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