“Talia has made me believe that nothing is impossible for me.”

-Little Sister Leila, 16 matched since 2012

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A GIRL’S passion & power
TO SUCCEED

Big Sister Association of Greater Boston

www.bigsister.org

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Help Create Possibilities for Girls

Your gift is the catalyst for making and sustaining impactful, gender-sensitive, professionally supported mentoring relationships that yield profound outcomes for girls. Our programs are offered at no cost to girls and their families. Nearly 100% of our revenue comes from private philanthropy. 75% of our operating expenses are directly related to our program costs. It takes a staff of 65 to serve more than 2,700 girls annually.

What Your Gift Supports

**RECRUIT**

150+

Corporate info sessions and community events attended annually to recruit Big Sisters and increase visibility of our program.

**MATCH**

30

Meetings conducted at Little Sisters’ homes each month, where our staff introduce Big Sister to Little Sister and her family.

**INTERVIEW**

66

Women and girls who undergo an assessment with our staff in order to make the best possible Big and Little Sister match.

**TRAIN**

700+

Women are trained to become mentors annually in our signature program.

**SUPPORT**

3,492

PER MONTH

Calls or visits with Big and Little Sisters made by our Match Support staff.

95

Big and Little Sister matches supported by each of our Match Support staff.

**ENRICH**

35

Enrichment activities offered annually to our Big and Little Sister matches as well as girls waiting to be matched. These include workshops on sexual health, career exploration, college visits, and physical activities.

DID YOU KNOW?

ONLY 7% of philanthropic dollars in the U.S. support girl-serving organizations.

YOU CAN CHANGE THIS

Individuals, corporations, foundations, and organizations can help get #Girls2Great. Contact Big Sister Boston today to make a gift and learn more about the impact YOU can have on Greater Boston’s girls.

“Confident girls become confident women, and confident women influence family life and the life of the communities in which they live in positive ways.”

-Governor Charlie Baker