



Big Brothers Big Sisters[®]

OF BUTLER COUNTY

2023 **ANNUAL** REPORT



IT TAKES **LITTLE** TO BE **BIG**

HELLO FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF BUTLER COUNTY!

2023 was a year of change for the organization. After 38 years working at Big Brothers Big Sisters, Carolyn Winslow retired. She took a very small organization and grew it to what it is today. Thousands of children have been impacted as a result of her years of dedication and hard work. Julie Dichtl retired a second and final time from the agency. After over 25 years in development, she too is enjoying a well-deserved rest. After searching for months, the organization hired me in April 2023 to lead this wonderful organization. I know I have some big shoes to fill.

I was first hired by Carolyn in 1988 and worked with the organization for 6 years. I have always supported the organization and love the mission. My wife was a Big Sister and we met here. I fully believe in the work that is done by the mentor volunteers. I have seen the impact and the positive changes it has made on youth. I am a firm believer in preventative measures. Our society needs to focus more on youth early and often and provide them with the tools to make the best decisions when faced with life's inevitable tough choices. We also know that youth who have been exposed to various traumas do much better when they have positive childhood experiences including having a positive person in their life who provides them with the resiliency they need.

There is an increase in children feeling isolated, alone and anxious. Things have gotten worse in the past few years. But we know that mentoring works. Mentoring is the antidote. Having someone show up regularly who cares about you, makes you feel better about yourself does inspires you to become all that you can be. Our mentors are inspiring the youth they serve! Our mentors are impacting the future by investing their time in youth today. We ARE making a difference. We will continue to find ways to serve more youth and make the future brighter.

Thank you!!

SCOTT STEPHENS, LISW-S
CEO, BBBS of Butler County



WE ARE DEFENDERS OF POTENTIAL

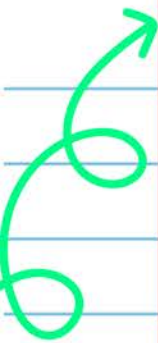
Since its establishment in 1968, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County has impacted thousands of children over 56 years. We provide one-to-one mentoring opportunities for children and youth by connecting them with caring adult volunteers.

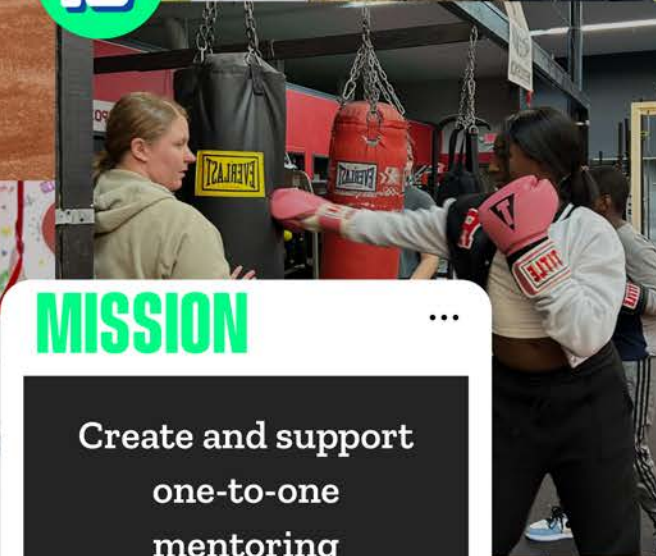
In the previous year, we assisted 354 children through a mix of site-based, community-based, and Club of Unmatched Littles (COUL) activities. We hosted 10 events for COUL, supported nine site-based programs in Butler County elementary schools, and facilitated over 150 community-based matches.

While numbers are informative, it's essential to recognize that behind each statistic is a person striving to overcome challenges by developing resilience through mentorship.

"Learning from Emily and this program has helped me go outside of my comfort zone and explore the world in a bigger and better way. I have grown to be more courageous and be more confident with who I am."

Little Sister Maya (Matched 6 years)





VISION

All youth achieve their full potential.

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MISSION

Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

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IN 2023 WE SERVED...

231 children matched with a Big Brother/Big Sister

63 children served through COUL (Club of Unmatched Littles)

60 High School student Big Brothers/Big Sisters

354 children served in BBBS of Butler County

94 % improved or maintained academic performances/school grades

98% improved or maintained their ability to express feelings

85% improved or maintained emotion regulation

100% had no police and juvenile justice contact

99% of youth avoided risky behaviors such as bullying, school discipline, illegal activity, and substance abuse

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"What I know for sure is that our lives have been immeasurably enhanced by the google fortune of being matched with Eli so many years ago"
-Former BS Laura



"I feel so safe and calm when I'm with you"
-Little Jaylynn

"BBBS has been nothing but a blessing"
-BBBS parent



In Honor of Carolyn Winslow for her many years of service

Ron and Sue Shroder Foundation

In Honor of Dr. Todd Pieper, DDS

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In Honor of Kathy Brinkman

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In Memory of Thomas C. Eberwein

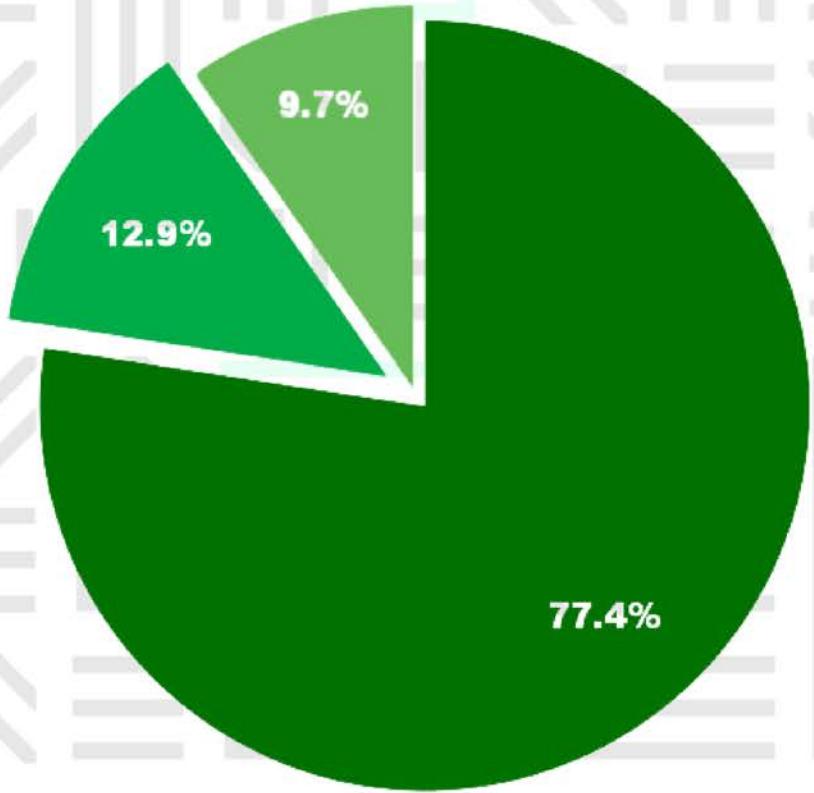
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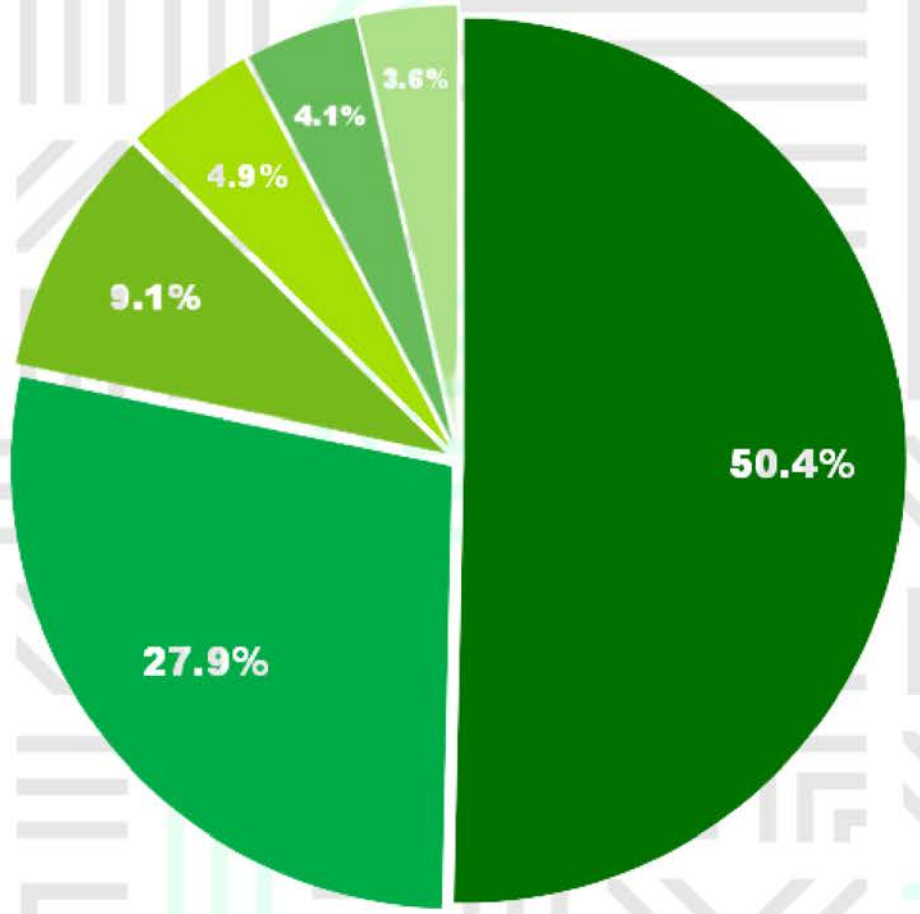


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Community Partner**



OPERATING EXPENSES

- Program Services 77.4%
- Management and General 12.9%
- Fundraising and Development 9.7%



SOURCES OF SUPPORT

- Government Agencies 50.4%
- Foundations, Trusts and Grants 27.9%
- Individual Contributions 9.1%
- Special events revenue 4.9%
- Butler County United Way 4.1%
- In-kind contributions 3.6%



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