



## Beyond School Walls

VideoRay

### Changing Perspectives

The Bigs in Beyond School Walls mentoring programs expand a child's perspective by spending one-on-one time with them during the school day. We build partnerships with companies like VideoRay throughout the region and match their employees and other community partners with children from local elementary and middle schools. In this program Littles will be transported from Pottstown Middle School to VideoRay's office in downtown Pottstown—a great first glimpse of corporate America! No matter what they do, the time that Bigs and Littles spend together is proven to enhance school performance.

#### Time Commitment

Once every other week for one hour, during lunch throughout the school year.

#### What You Do

Every other visit, there will be a structured Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) facilitated activity, and during the other meetings, you will do something that you and your Little both enjoy - play games, do a craft project, tour the office, etc.

#### When You Do It

The Littles will visit every other Tuesday from 12:00pm – 1:00pm. Lunch is provided and eating together is part of the fun!

#### Where You Do It

The students will be transported from Pottstown Middle School to VideoRay.

#### Why These Children Need You

Studies have shown that only 56% of students reported having a school staff person to go to for school problems and just two-fifths had someone in school to talk to about personal problems. That's an awful lot of students with something to say and no one to listen.

#### Community Support

We are a community-supported organization. More than 20% of our funding comes from individuals like you—and this funding makes it possible for our professional staff to support the children and dedicated volunteers. Consider donating at [independencebigs.org](http://independencebigs.org).

#### Results

Young people in BBBS School-Based mentoring programs show an increase in academic performance, feel more competent academically, are less likely to skip school and feel that that they would attend and finish college. That's a lot of impact for two hours a month!

#### Next Steps

Let us know you're interested! Fill out an application and a BBBS representative will contact you to set up your interview in the next few weeks. The process also includes background checks and references. We commit to keeping your personal information secure.

#### Need Additional information?

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