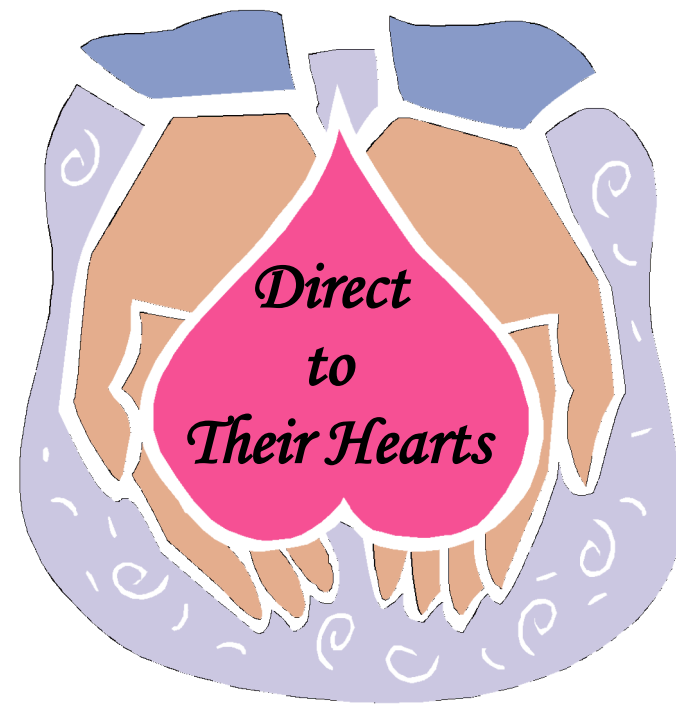


Individuals can give direct to support one or more of the over 2,300 youth served on a weekly basis. Your donation of \$30.00 per month can ensure that a youth has a ride home after participation in an after school program; provide a caring role model to help him/her to complete homework assignments; or provide access to enrichment activities after school on a daily basis.

Your donation of \$20.00 per month will ensure that a child in need of a special friend has a one-on-one role model that he or she can look to for guidance and support as they move towards success.



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What is the Big Buddy Program?

Every child in our community deserves access to *learning experiences & positive role models.*

It is our mission at Big Buddy to provide vital developmental experiences to the children who need it most. We are a local, grass-roots organization that has been responding directly to the needs of youth and families in the Greater Baton Rouge Area for over 30 years.

- **This week, 700 children will experience arts, sports and academic enrichment** through Big Buddy after school programs held at nine elementary, middle and high schools.
- **This week, over 500 middle and high schools students experience hands-on engagement with literacy** through Big Buddy's WordPlay workshops at eleven middle and high schools.
- **This week, over 80 children will spend quality time with an adult mentor-** a relationship that is fostered and supported by our mentoring service unit, and **150 children** will participate in our mentoring clubs.

What is Direct to Their Hearts?

Direct to Their Hearts provides a pathway to directly impact children in our community.

Your monthly support is given through *direct payments* that will keep youth in Baton Rouge connected, engaged, and supported. The mission of Big Buddy Program remains vital to the well-being of our entire community. Make your commitment today!

Why Give?

Because you can change a child's life.

What kinds of opportunities did you have when you were a child?

Did you play sports? Participate in a club? Go downtown? Check out a library book? *Did you have adults in your life that helped you form your character to dream hopefully about the person you would become?*

For 4 out of every 10 children in Baton Rouge, barriers such as poverty, lack of transportation, an incarcerated parent or a working, single parent household ***limit access to important youth development opportunities.***

According to the Annie E. Casey *Kids Count* report, youth who are not engaged in after school programs are TWICE as likely to engage in *risky behaviors* and THREE TIMES more likely to be the victims or perpetrators of *violent crime* and significantly more likely to *drop out of high school*. Louisiana has the highest rate in the country of youth who are disconnected from youth programs, putting us all at risk in the years to come.

We are an independent, not-for-profit organization that relies on grants, corporate partners and the *generosity of good people who understand the importance of the work we do*. We need your financial support to ensure the continuation of our programs.

Please join us in giving DIRECT TO THEIR HEARTS.

"I have learned that adults really do care what younger people think and feel."
-Big Buddy Youth Participant

How to Participate?

Complete the Sign Up form on the next page.

Our ***Direct to Their Hearts*** Campaign Coordinator will contact you to complete the necessary steps to ensure the confidential and secure transaction. Your monthly automated deduction from your checking account or credit card will go directly to the programs and services for needy youth in the Big Buddy Program, a 501(c)(3) organization.

All donations are tax deductible.

Sign Up Form

Please print all information.

Name (first and last) _____

Address _____

Street City, State Zip

Phone Numbers _____

Home Work Cell

Email Address _____

You can contact me by email.

Circle Your Monthly Gift Amount

\$30 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$_____ Other Amount

Select Payment Method

_____ I plan to give my monthly donations through deductions from my bank account.

_____ I plan to give my monthly donations through deductions from my credit card.

Our Campaign Chair, **Ashely Haindel**, will contact you within the week to follow up and get your deductions set up through our confidential and secure process.

Postcard confirmations of your donation along with program updates of how your contribution is helping to support the mission of the **Big Buddy Program** will be sent monthly.

One Time Gift

_____ I would like to give a one-time gift of \$ _____.

_____ Contact me to collect my contribution

_____ My donation is attached

Volunteer

If you are unable to give financially, Big Buddy opens its doors to anyone who sincerely desires to help under privileged children and youth in this area. A simple call to the Big Buddy Program or the return of this form to the office will start the process.

_____ I cannot give at this time, but I am interested in donating my time to help a child in need.

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