

DECEMBER 2021

# BIG NEWS

**Big Brothers Big Sisters.**

OF SOUTHERN MAINE

Did you know we are actively enrolling new families and volunteers every day? Reach out to take your next step in joining the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Maine family!



Little Dylan & Big Javier



## Mentoring Matters

Dylan and Javier have been matched in our Site-Based Program at Noble High School since April of 2017. Prior to the pandemic they met weekly at Dylan's school, attempting to finish a chess game in the short amount of time they had to spend together. Throughout the pandemic, Dylan and Javier remained connected through weekly phone calls, usually just checking in on each other and catching up. Both are so thrilled to be meeting in person again this year! Dylan describes Javier as someone who is really easy to talk to and Javier always makes sure to check in with Dylan about his schoolwork and to encourage him to continue to do his best.

### Save the Date

#### BIDS FOR KIDS

Friday, May 20, 2022  
Brick South at Thompson's Point  
Portland, Maine

#### FORE THE KIDS

Monday, June 13, 2022  
Woodlands Country Club  
Falmouth, Maine

INVEST IN POTENTIAL  
BECOME A BIG  
ENROLL A CHILD  
SHARE YOUR STORY  
LIKE, COMMENT, SHARE

### Join the Village

We believe in the power of young people and know that it takes a village to support the youth in our community. This holiday season, we invite you to join our village.

There are so many ways to get involved and no matter how you choose to **#JoinTheVillage**, you will be helping to change lives, for the better, forever.

Learn more online!

P.S. We are on TikTok now! Give us a follow @somebigs and check out our first video!





### Thank You, Big Time

We are proud to announce that we have been chosen as the 2021 recipient of Androscoggin Bank's MainStreet Foundation \$25K for Kids grant! This award will make a BIG impact on our community and we are incredibly grateful that Androscoggin Bank is investing in potential – helping all youth to achieve their biggest possible futures.



### Welcome

#### NEW BOARD MEMBERS

**Cheri Bonawitz**  
*Malone Commercial Brokers*

**Dan Broderick**  
*Trane Technologies*

**Caitlin Day**  
*TD Bank*

**Simone Grimes**  
*Acadia Insurance*

#### NEW STAFF

**Emily Landry**  
*Communications & Events Mgr.*

**Michelle Jones**  
*Administrative Coordinator*

Little Autumn & Big Linda  
Matched 2019 – Graduated 2021



Every child deserves a chance to see their potential realized. By matching children with adult mentors (Bigs) like you, we defend that potential together.

Being a Big is one of the most enjoyable and fulfilling things you'll ever do. All it takes is a few hours a month. And the best part is, it's actually a lot of fun!

[Learn More & Apply](#)

## January is #NationalMentoringMonth. Start 2022 by becoming a BIG!



### GINGERBREAD CONTEST

**We challenge Bigs and Littles to build a gingerbread ANYTHING!**

Contest Rules:

1. One submission per match
2. All pieces must be edible
3. Name your creation (name should **NOT** include Big's and/or Little's name)

Submit a photo to your Program Manager by 12 PM on **Wednesday, December 15!**

The top 3 winners will be announced Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.



### WINTER ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Craft Holiday Cards ❄️ Go Sledding ❄️ Bake Cookies ❄️ Play Board Games  
Sing Carols ❄️ Make Paper Snowflakes ❄️ Build a Fort ❄️ Go Ice Skating