

Dalton CRA Big Buddies Mentoring Program 2015-2016

The Big Buddies Mentoring Program has been connecting youth students in need with older student mentors to build positive relationships in our community since 1989. The Big Buddies Mentoring Program consists of one-on-one, small group and large group mentoring, focused on creating healthy attitudes and lifestyles choices, and cultivating long-term relationships. The Big Buddies Mentoring Program meets once per month to take part in various fun activities for about 2 hours each time.

Please fill out the attached **<u>BIG BUDDY APPLICATION FORM</u>** and return it to the Dalton CRA by <u>Sunday, October 24th</u>

...and take advantage of the following opportunities:

- Develop leadership and mentoring skills
- Understand the long-term impact an individual can have on the community
- Promote positive values and behavior at a critical point in a child's life
- Make a material difference in the life of a child in need
- Build a long-term positive relationship with a child in need
- College preparation

Examples of past events, activities and trips include: visiting the Berkshire Museum, Bowling, Olympics at Pine Grove Park, an Easter Egg Hunt, Pool Party, and Sledding.

Our vision is to help develop successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them, contributing to brighter futures, and leading to a stronger community for us all.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Jason Moynihan by email at imoynihan@daltoncra.org or by phone at 413-684-0260 x14

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BIG BUDDY APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for taking time to complete this Big Buddy application form. All information will be kept confidential. The information which you provide here helps determine if you are a good candidate for the Big Buddy Mentoring Program and will allow us to match you with an appropriate Little Buddy. If you have any questions, please e-mail or call Jason Moynihan at <u>imoynihan@daltoncra.org</u> or 413-684-0260.

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| E-mail Address: | | | |
| (E-mail will be the MAIN way o | of communication between | Big and Little Buddies. Please write legibly. | 1 |
| Birth Date: | Current Age: | Sex: M F | |
| Home Address: | | | |
| Home Phone Number: | Cell Pl | none Number: | _ |
| School: | Year in School: | Grade: | |
| Parents' Name(s): | | Parents' Phone: | |
| Special Little Buddy Placemen | t (if any): | | |
| Have you ever been a Big Bud | dy before? Yes No If Yes, | when? | |
| What other youth organizatio | ns have you worked with or | been involved with as a volunteer? | |
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| Briefly describe the goals for p | participating in the Program. | Please be specific. | |
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