

Big Brothers Big Sisters is an amazing program that Ponoka is fortunate to have. They offer so much and do a lot for our community.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters mentor program offers Ponoka youth the opportunity to fill a void missing from their young lives and the outcome is so very beneficial.

I have two boys who have an in school mentor. These mentors have been a part of my boys lives for 2 years now and the difference they have made is fantastic.

my 12 yr old has become more cooperative at home and at school as well as at youth organizations, such as the youth center. He has gained so much self confidence and his self esteem is at an all time high. He has more friends and is more outgoing than he was 2 years ago. He goes to school without it being a fight every morning. His ability to grow, change + love himself is evident. In turn his ability to love others has grown immensely. He chooses to buy his last year teachers their favorite snacks when we grocery shop so that he can go to his old school

to deliver the snacks and visit. This warms my heart, as this was not who he was 2 years ago. He looks forward to Wednesday every week as this is his mentor day. He asks me to buy her favorite snacks to share with her. He has turned from a problematic child with behavioral issues into this wonderful funny, outgoing, caring young man that I love spending time with. I honestly can't thank this individual enough for the difference she has made in our lives. Without Big Brothers Big Sisters program she wouldn't have been able to make this difference.

my other son who has a mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters is 7 years old. He absolutely adores his mentor. Although the 2 boys are very different, the positive growth is still very visible. He has learned a calm behavior for school, playground, ect. He has made more friends and is confident in himself. When asked what his favorite day of the week is, he says "Thursdays, because that's my mentor day". They bake together a lot. He brought home brownies a few weeks ago and we ~~are~~ are still hearing about

how they made them. yesterday he brought home chocolate chip cookies and shared them with his brothers. my boys dont always get along well enough to share but this time they did. my 12 yr old said they were the best cookies hes ever eaten. It was a moment of bonding between the 2 that I dont often see.

Thank you Big Brothers Big Sisters for making a huge difference in mine + my boys lives. We are forever grateful for the wonderful supports.

Sincerely,

A man Battling Stage 4  
Cancer.