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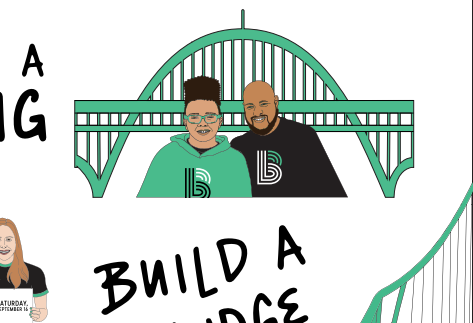
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ABOUT US

Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest is a private non-profit social change organization affiliated with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Funded by local investments only, BBBS helps children realize their full potential and build their futures by providing dedicated one-to-one mentors to each child who comes through our door.

Our goal is to use the power of life changing mentoring relationships to help youth improve their academic achievement, empower them to make positive life choices, graduate from high school, build greater confidence, maintain positive & supportive relationships and create a definitive plan for their future.

OUR MISSION

Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

OUR VISION

All youth achieve their full potential.



Beach Pace, Chief Executive Officer
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MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

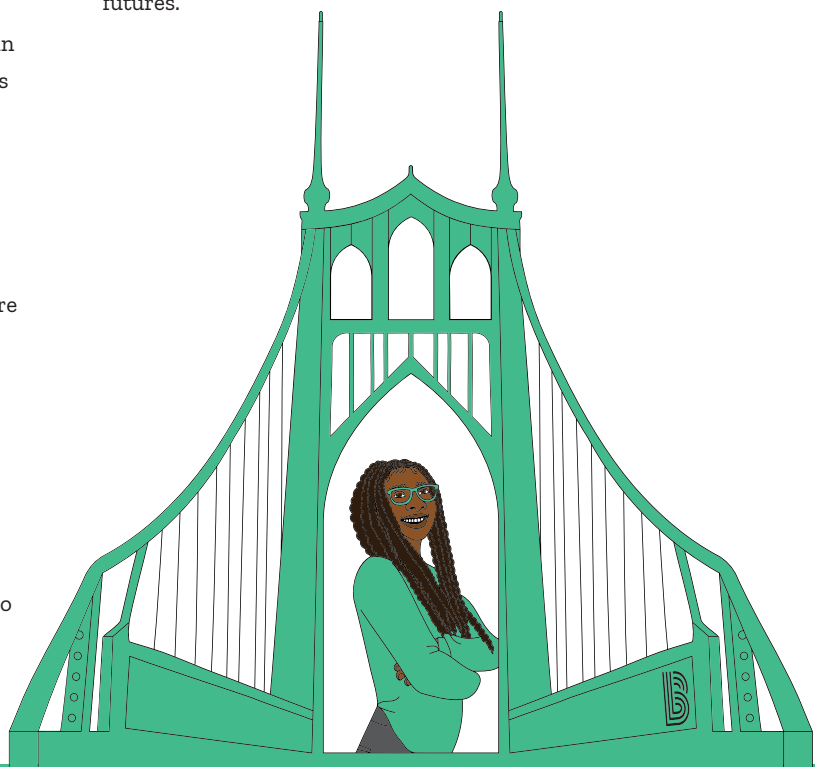
Welcome to the 2023 Big Brothers Big Sisters Gala. Our theme this year is “Building Bridges Together”, something we’ve done since our inception in 1904, but is now more poignant than ever as kids and community members are seeking ways to connect.

The sense and importance a bridge plays in our daily lives can sometimes be unappreciated. In Portland, bridges connect us to friends, family, and fun. They link goods and services and allow commerce to happen with great ease. Ultimately, they connect people. This important function is also seen in the bridges formed by relationships.

We’ve all had that conversation or made that phone call where we listened to someone be vulnerable and offered advice. These bridges can take a tremendous amount of weight and can weather a storm. They help kids bridge gaps that enable them to grow, achieve, and thrive.

The bridges built between our mentors (Bigs) and mentees (Littles) start small but then grow in strength and become critical to the success of the Little. In many cases, the Big also learns a lot about themselves in service to the Little.

Thank you for joining us tonight and for generously giving your time and interest to be another bridge of connection and support for youth in the Portland-Vancouver Metro area. Your support will go a long way towards helping us build those critical bridges so our youth can have successful and fulfilling futures.



BRIDGES SURROUND US

Bridges are everywhere. Some are for physical transport, to reach the otherwise unreachable. Others open unseen pathways to new worlds of potential and opportunity.

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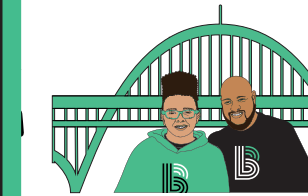
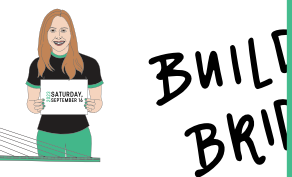
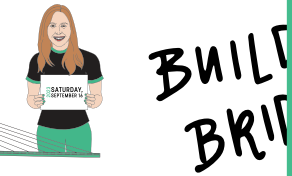
EVENT SCHEDULE

5:30 PM

- Cocktails & Hors d'Oeuvres
- Silent Auction
- The Magic of Craig Martin
- Photography by Marcos Rangel

7:00 PM

- Program Begins
- Welcome by Master of Ceremonies,
Lindsey Murphy
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
Columbia Northwest CEO,
Beach Pace
- Welcome by Auctioneer,
Johnna Wells
- Live Auction
- Big & Little of the Year
Awards Presented



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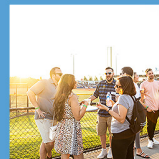
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MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES LINDSEY MURPHY

Named one of Portland Business Journal's 40 Under 40 for 2019, Lindsey E. Murphy has been called a "visionary," "force of nature," "breath of fresh air," and is said to "light up the darkest corners of any room." This may be because she believes in and strives toward a world full of joy, fun, healed hearts, and people empowered and released to truly live out the fullness of their lives. These are the values that inform every single thing she does.

She is the award-winning creator + host of The Fab Lab With Crazy Aunt Lindsey, YouTube's most beloved kids science web series that takes everyday science concepts and turns them into fabulous DIY projects children can do at home with their families. Since launching in 2010, the show has garnered partnerships with the likes of Scientific American Magazine, the New York Academy of Sciences, been published in various national family magazines, and crowdfunded nearly \$100,000 for independent production in 2019.

Lindsey is a regular guest on television shows, conference stages, and has been invited to speak at places like Harvard University and Google Inc. to

give talks on such topics as creative media in science communications, Diversity in STEM, fundraising, entrepreneurship, being brave, having courage, branding and marketing in the digital age.

She is the four-time livestream host of TEDxPortland and has hosted two travel web series for Travel Oregon and Wieden+Kennedy's On She Goes, Seasons 1 and 2.

Through all of Lindsey's incredible feats and accomplishments she has managed to continue her relationship as a devoted Little. Lindsey has kept in touch with her Big, Melissa, for 30 years and still talks to her today.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is proud to have been a part of the incredible journey Lindsey has forged and are excited to hear what she will do next.



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As the 2005 International Auctioneer Champion, and a graduate of the Certified Auctioneers Institute at Indiana University and the Benefit Auctioneer Specialist Designation course, Johnna Lee Wells channels a wealth of experience into each and every partnership.

Through her signature storytelling, public speaking platform, creative call to action, and acclaimed art of fundraising model, Johnna crafts moments that inspire a sense of place and purpose, generating community engagement and propelling philanthropic support.



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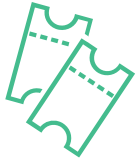
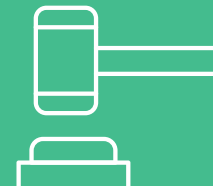
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BIDDING 101



RAFFLE

The Live Auction begins with a raffle. Buy a \$100 ticket for the chance to win Two Round-trip Alaska Airline Tickets. There are only 200 tickets available. You do not need to be present to win.

Restrictions: Vouchers need to be ticketed prior to the expiration date of 9/16/2024. No blackout dates apply.



ONLINE AUCTION/ SILENT AUCTION

The online/ silent auction opens Monday, September 11, at 12 p.m. and closes Sunday, September 17 at 12 p.m. If you register your phone number, you will receive a text message with a link. Use this link in the text message to be taken to the online auction and begin bidding on packages.

Only bids made by registered online bidders will be honored. Winning bidders will be notified by text message at the close of the auction.



LIVE AUCTION

To bid during the Live Auction, raise your bid paddle high enough until the auctioneer or spotter acknowledges your bid. If you are the winning bidder, you agree to pay the final bid amount. The auctioneer has the right to remove a bid as she deems necessary.



SPECIAL APPEAL

Event guests join in collective support to give a tax-deductible donation during the Special Appeal. The auctioneer will announce several giving amounts for the Special Appeal. Raise your bid paddle when you would like to give a gift at a specific level and when the auctioneer reads off your number you may put down your paddle.



CHECK-OUT/PICK-UP

If you are a winning bid in the live or online auction, please email Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest at giving@bbbsnorthwest.org or call 971-302-2148 to confirm the address your certificate will be mailed to, or to coordinate larger item pickup. Larger items will need to be picked up at the Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest office at 6443 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy #200, Portland, OR 97221.

Any packages won by bidders outside the greater Portland area, the winning bidder is responsible for shipping expenses.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

Purchases of vacation home packages agree to the following: to reimburse for any damage done to the property or its contents, beyond normal wear and tear, to follow guidelines set for by the donor/property owner, to coordinate mutually agreed upon dates with the donors if not already noted in the package description. Contact should be made in a timely fashion to sure schedules can be accommodated. Please note the expiration dates of gift certificates and services and keep in mind some travel packages may have restrictions. If there is no date, the item will expire one year from the auction date.



TAX-DEDUCTION

The amount paid for the auction item, more than the actual fair market value is tax-deductible. For tax purposes, you will receive a receipt post-event. If you have any questions about a possible tax deduction, please contact a tax specialist.

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COCKTAILS AT YOUR TABLE

Tito's Handmade Vodka cocktail made by Vibrant Table exclusively for you and your guests at your table. As the winning bidder, you will have this ritzy cocktail delivered directly to your table as the Live Auction begins.

Thanks to Tito's Handmade Vodka

STOLLER WINE COUNTRY COTTAGE

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Experience one of the finest wine country getaways in the Pacific Northwest with this 2-night stay at Stoller Family Estate. Your Wine Country Cottage accommodation features three bedrooms with queen beds, two bathrooms, a living room, plus a patio - perfect for a group of six.

Stoller Family Estate features rolling hills, ponds, and over 200 acres of vineyards. Complete with vineyard views, your accommodations are within walking distance of the winery and top-notch tasting room where your group of six will enjoy a complimentary tasting.

Thanks to Stoller Family Vineyards

Restrictions: Expires 9/30/25. Any two weeknights (Sunday-Thursday) only. All reservations are subject to availability.



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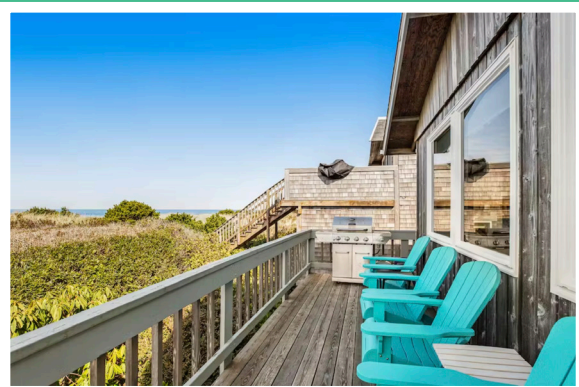
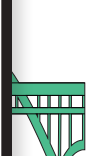
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ROCKAWAY BEACH HOUSE

Enjoy three nights at this oceanfront beach house in Rockaway. Stunningly situated 50 steps across the dune grass from the golden sand of Rockaway Beach, this oceanfront home provides a truly spectacular setting for your next escape to the Oregon Coast. In this gorgeous location just north of downtown, you'll be able to watch the ocean waves crash upon the shore from the elevated deck, the fully appointed kitchen, and the open living and dining space with a wall of picture windows.

Home Includes:

- Two bedrooms (one King; one Queen)
- Two bathrooms Max occupancy of 4 people
- EV charger

Thanks to Spencer & Connie Greve

Restrictions: Expires May 23, 2024. Blackout dates are Memorial Day to Labor Day 2023, Thanksgiving week 2023, December 20, 2023-January 4, 2024, March 21- April 8, 2024. No pets. Free parking for 3 vehicles. Pass through cleaning fee of \$125 collected before check-in.

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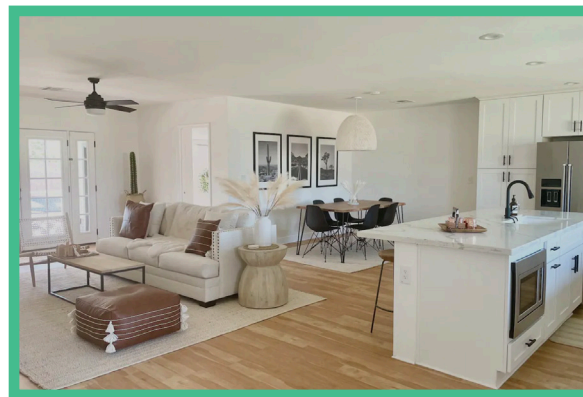
ONE WEEK AT MODERN DESERT OASIS 4

Escape the PNW winter with a six-night stay outside Phoenix, Arizona. This gorgeous, newly renovated, 4-bedroom, 3-bath home is a hidden oasis. Located in the Litchfield Park neighborhood, you'll be just two blocks from exquisite neighborhood restaurants, bars, and shops.

You will also be right across the street from the luxurious Wigwam Golf Club resort. Wake up and take a stroll down the street to grab a coffee or some of the best brunch you've ever had.

Thanks to Caitlin Sargent

Restrictions: Winner will be in contact with Big Brothers Big Sisters to setup date of stay.



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MOUNT HOOD ESCAPE

Relax and rejuvenate for two nights with Mt. Hood as your backdrop at the Mule Deer Cabin in Government Camp. This luxurious 3,400 square-foot property sleeps eight and features 6 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms, a gourmet kitchen, 3 indoor fireplaces, and an outdoor fireplace with a wraparound deck.

This phenomenal 3-story cabin is set at the base of Mt. Hood's historic Glad Trail, just minutes from Timberline, and a little over an hour from Portland.

Thanks to Mimi Lettunich & Kris Wigger

Restrictions: This certificate is available from April-October 2024, no extensions can be made. Sleeps 8 guests and can add up to 4 more for a fee of \$25 per person, per night. Excludes all major holidays - specifically the weekends of Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day.

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GEARHART STAY & PLAY

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Tucked amidst the dunes along the coast, Gearhart has small-town charm and hospitality. Not a traffic light to be seen, wide streets for riding bicycles, public tennis courts, and a gorgeous, unspoiled beach. The center of town is charming, with shops, restaurants, an art gallery, a grocer, and lodging in a renovated boutique inn. Gearhart Golf Links is the oldest golf course in the Pacific Northwest featuring 18 holes of Links golf.

This package includes:

- Three nights at Pacific Terrace beachfront condo
- Two bedrooms with queen beds - sleeps up to four people
- Single-level unit with fenced patio
- Access to indoor pool
- Gearhart Links \$300 gift certificate

Thanks to Natasha Elhaj-Hedinger and Huston Hedinger

Restrictions: Must be 21+ of age to book. No smoking on property.

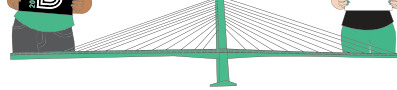


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ALASKA AIRLINES TICKETS

Taco tasting in Mexico or beach bumming in The Bahamas? The hardest part is choosing where to land! The sky's the limit with two unrestricted coach class roundtrip ticket vouchers on Alaska Airlines.

Thanks to Alaska Airlines

Restrictions: Valid on Alaska Airlines only, not codeshare partners. No blackout dates apply. Expires 9/16/24.

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A YEAR OF IDEAS WORTH SPREADING

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This package includes one year of new ideas and intellectual inspiration. Start with two tickets to eight Portland Business Journal Power Breakfast events of choice. Each month the Portland Business Journal hosts a Power Breakfast featuring an interview with a prominent speaker. Network with CEOs and Portland's elite before an inspiring conversation with the featured guest.

Dive into ideas worth spreading at Year 12 TEDxPortland with two premiere tickets. At this ultimate experience, you will hear from local thought leaders. TEDx is organized by passionate individuals who seek to uncover new ideas and to share the latest research in their local areas that spark conversations in their communities.

This Package Includes:

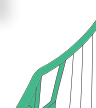
- Two tickets to Year 12 on April 26, 2024 at Keller Auditorium
- Two custom Portland Gear backpacks
- Two Portland Gear Nike T-shirts
- Two up cycled tote bags
- 1 signed Jimi Hendrix poster by Ed Caraeff & Tyrone Hendrix
- One Jimi Hendrix book by Ed Carareff
- One Year 11 event book
- One A Kids Co. book about public speaking
- One TEDxPortland x Portland Gear hat
- Two tickets to eight Portland Business Journal Power Breakfast events

Thanks to Mizael Buron, Chase Bank, TEDxPortland, & The Portland Business Journal

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PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZER COURTSIDE TICKETS

You won't miss a moment of the action with this package! You'll be mere feet away from your favorite players with two courtside tickets to Portland Trail Blazers game in 2023-24 season. Tickets include reserved parking pass.

Tickets are for the Portland Trail Blazers vs. Phoenix Suns on Sunday, Jan 14, 2024 at 6 PM

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PORTLAND TO PORTUGAL

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Come to paradise in the Portuguese archipelago of the Azores Islands, where you'll find unspoiled landscapes that are reminiscent of a fairytale. This remote nine-island archipelago is best known for its vibrantly colored blue-green lakes, grottoes, volcanic mountain peaks, thermal springs and vast untouched landscapes. Stay five-nights in a one-bedroom apartment, go whale watching in one of the best places in the world to do so, feast on the local cuisine, soak up the history and savor the wine in this natural wonderland.

Your package includes:

- 6 days/5 nights accommodations in a one-bedroom apartment
- Three hour small group whale watching experience
- Three course dinner in a local restaurant
- A UNESCO World Heritage Site Hike
- Visit and tasting to the Wine Museum of Madalena
- Concierge service

Restrictions: Travel package is non-refundable and subject to availability. Certificates/gift cards cannot be replaced. Passport required for travel outside the U.S. Reservations must be made at least 90 days in advance of travel. Apartment may be substituted with equal or similar accommodations. Travel is valid for 18 months from date of issue.



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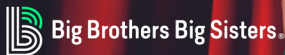


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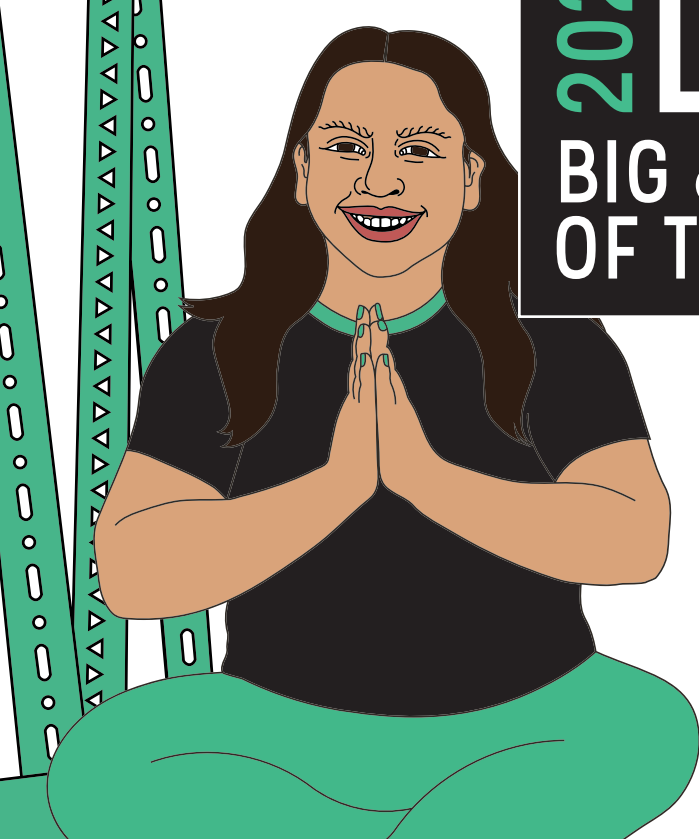




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BIG & LITTLE BROTHER OF THE YEAR

We are proud to announce Big Brother Anthony and Little Brother Jamarea as the 2023 Big and Little Brother of the Year!

Jamarea's grandma, Alicia, reached out to Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest shortly after being awarded guardianship of Jamarea. "It was just the two of us and I wanted Jamarea to have a strong male role model in his life that could share his interests." Enter Big Brother Anthony. Anthony became a Big believing that a life that does not serve others, serves no purpose. "Growing up without a father and a lack of positive male role models has motivated me to help young people who are facing similar upbringings."

Over the past three years, Anthony and Jamarea have bonded over their love of basketball, sports, and their mutual admiration for each other. Anthony attends all of Jamarea's basketball games.



“IT FEELS GOOD TO HAVE ANTHONY AT MY GAMES AND MAKES ME PROUD TO HAVE MY TEAM MEMBERS MEET HIM.

He always has a big smile when he comes to see me." Anthony has been a constant presence in Jamarea's life, supporting him through emotional difficulties and cheering him on from the sidelines along the way. "When I grow up, I am going to be a professional basketball player and invite Anthony to all my games, he will have a special seat reserved just for him."

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BIG & LITTLE SISTER OF THE YEAR

We are proud to announce Big Sister Hailey and Little Sister Anjanae as the 2023 Big and Little Sister of the Year!

When Hailey matched with Anjanae in 2013, Anjanae was only 8 years old. Now, 10 years later, Hailey and Anjanae have been together through some of the most formative years of both their lives. Hailey has gotten to experience Anjanae grow from a shy girl to a confident, young woman with clear goals and aspirations; and Anjanae has gotten to have a permanent presence in her life through fun times, sickness, lockdowns, and long distances. "One of the greatest things about the relationship I have with Anjanae is both of us are usually game to do most anything." They both agree their outings have been the most memorable parts of their friendship. From mini cooking classes to Anjanae's first time rowing a boat, they meet every task with excitement and a good amount of laughter. "Unfortunately, there has not been a word curated to describe how special Hailey is to me" gushes Little Anjanae.

"IMAGINE MEETING SOMEONE, DURING A TIME WHEN THE WORLD MEANT SO LITTLE TO YOU, WHO SHOWED YOU EVERYTHING THE WORLD HAS TO OFFER."

This year, Anjanae will be graduating from high school with the hopes of attending college to become an attorney. She's also taken full advantage of all Big Brothers Big Sisters has to offer, such as working with Ninfa, our College & Career Zone Manager, to help create a career plan. Anjanae is also a core member of the Black Youth Ambassador Group, a team of high-school-aged Littles who actively create space to celebrate Black youth empowerment. "I have no idea what the world has in store for Anjanae's future," smiles Big Sister Hailey, "but whatever it is, I know she will conquer it head-on and laugh all the way through it."

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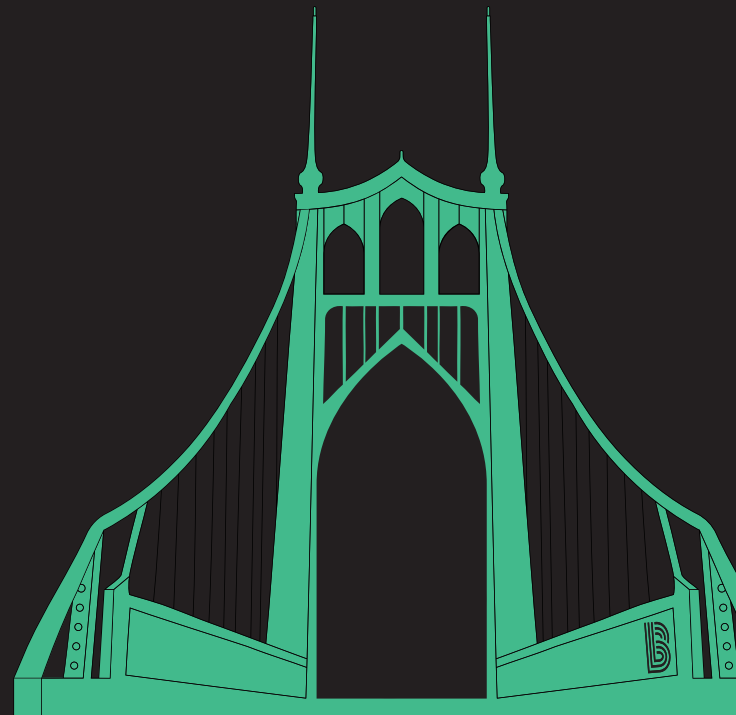
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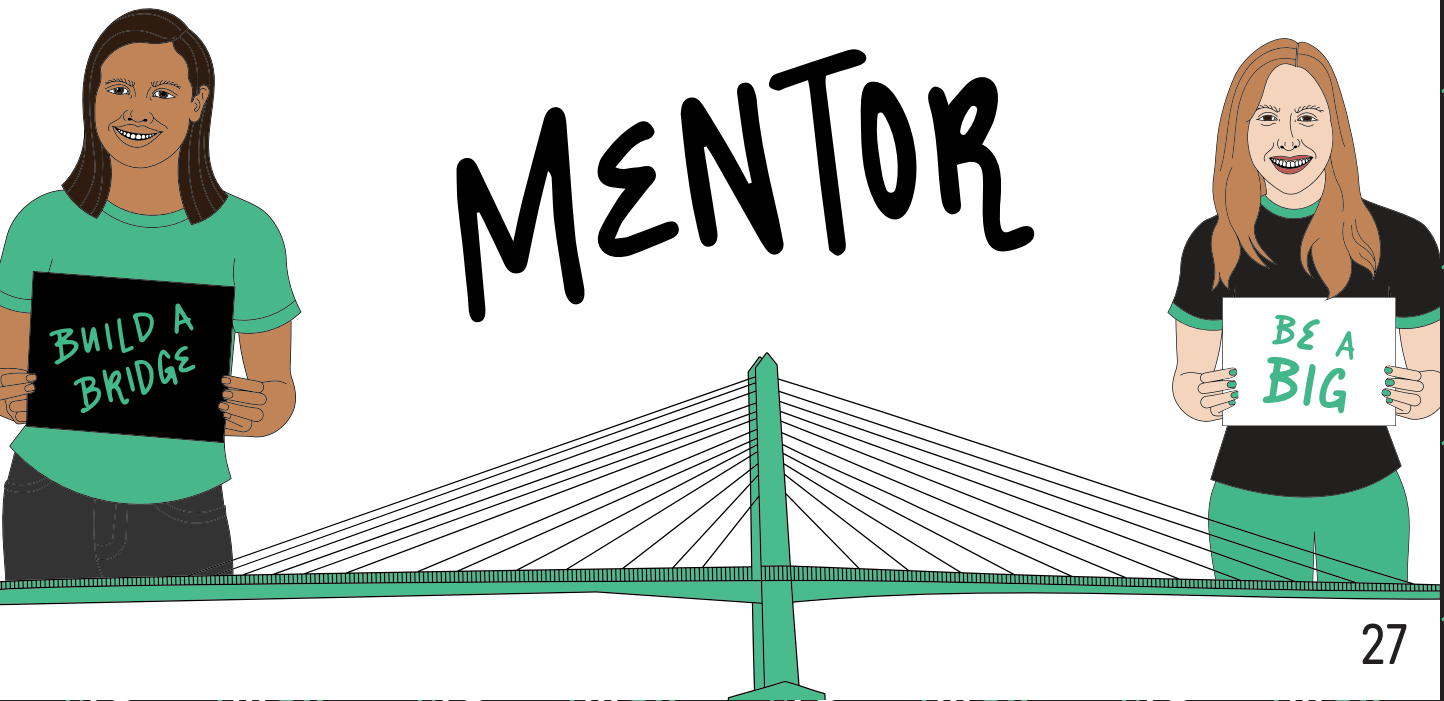
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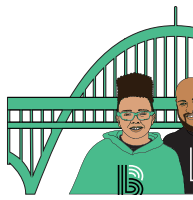
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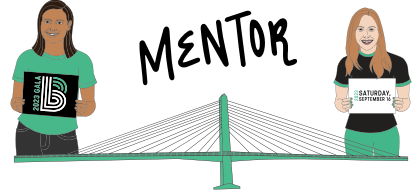
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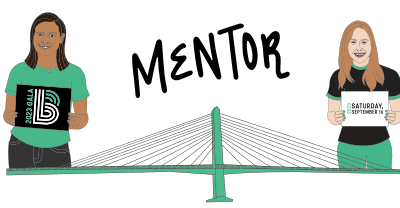
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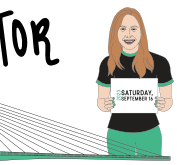
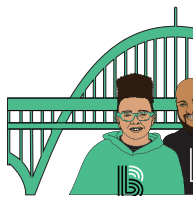
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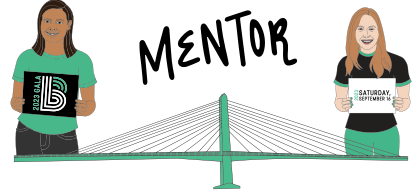
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