

Judge Pat Baskin Family Adult Volunteer of the Year
Tommie Hale, Jr.
Big Brothers Big Sisters

Tommie Hale, Jr. had been a volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) for 19 years, meeting with his Little Brothers weekly at a local school. During those 19 years, he has mentored five young boys, focused on helping them improve their grades and build their self-esteem. He has always told BBBS to match him with the boy who has been on the list the longest or the most challenging case because he knew those boys needed someone in their corner.

Tommie's current Little Brother told his Mentoring Specialist that one of the greatest things he has learned from Tommie is taking ownership of your actions. If you have done something wrong, apologize, and make amends when necessary. Tommie has focused not only on helping his Little learn academic skills but also on cleanliness, speaking with respect, introducing yourself, and shaking hands. As a result of Tommie's efforts, his grades and behavior at school improved greatly. "Tommie's Little has gotten as far as he has because of Tommie," said the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring specialist who oversees the match.

Because of Tommie's commitment, he is helping to break the pattern of neglect and poverty in these children's lives, help them achieve a better future, and improve the future of our community.



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