

# GUSTAVUS

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## GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE

### Big Partner Application For NEW Big Partners 2009 - 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_M \_\_\_F

Year in School: \_\_\_1 \_\_\_2 \_\_\_3 \_\_\_4

Campus Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have access to a car? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Sometimes (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you required to do community service for a class? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If so, which class? \_\_\_\_\_ Professor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

What age group would you prefer? Please rank your choices.

\_\_\_ K-2<sup>nd</sup> (5-8 yrs old) \_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> (9-11 yrs old) \_\_\_ No preference

Are you comfortable working with a Little Partner of the opposite sex? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Please list any languages other than English that you are comfortable speaking: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are taking/have taken courses to learn this language, what is the highest level you have completed? \_\_\_\_\_

**Provided the child speaks English**, do you want to work with a child who may come from a diverse cultural tradition and whose family may not speak English as a first language?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Some of our Little Partners have varying degrees of special needs with most falling into the category of complex family situations and emotional/behavioral problems such as ADHD. Do you have experience and/or would you like to work with a Little Partner with special circumstances? Please note: A heightened level of commitment may be associated with checking yes.

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Comments or concerns you may have about working with a special needs child:

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(MORE ON BACKSIDE!)

Will you be able to meet with your Little Partner at least 3 times a month for the duration of the entire academic year? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Why do you want to become a Big Partner? What are you hoping to receive from the relationship?

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What other activities/sports/organizations are you planning on being a part of this year?

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What kind of activities are you interested in that you would like to share with a Little Partner?

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Please list two contacts (outside of your family) that could attest to your qualifications. Preparing them for the possibility of our phone call is advised.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Years You Have Known Him/Her</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
1.			
2.			

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that the information on this application will be shared with Gustavus Student Coordinators, Community Service Center staff, and appropriate professional staff. I understand that signing this will allow the parent and/or legal guardian of my Little Partner to request to read this application if they wish. In addition, I authorize a *background check* to be executed and acknowledge that I may not be allowed in the program based on the results of the background check.

Signature

Date

Please return this application FULLY COMPLETED to the Community Service Center  
**by September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and sign up for an interview.**

Questions? Contact Jenny Broman, Student Communications Coordinator, at [jbroman@gac.edu](mailto:jbroman@gac.edu)

**\*\*Please remember that this is a year long commitment and that trainings are mandatory.**

Thank you for your interest.

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# Volunteer for Big Partner/Little Partner!

Be an adult mentor to one K-5 St. Peter child while having fun, doing engaging activities, hanging out, and changing a child's life.

1. **APPLICATIONS:** Due in the Community Service Center (CSC) **September 18<sup>th</sup>**
2. **INTERVIEW:** After turning in your completed application, please sign up for a 10 minute interview time on **Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, or 24<sup>th</sup>** on the wall outside the CSC. (One person per slot, please.)
3. **TRAINING SESSION:** All potential Big Partners, New and Returning, must attend ONE of the following training sessions to be part of the program.
  - September 27<sup>th</sup>:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Heritage Banquet Room
  - September 30<sup>th</sup>:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Heritage Banquet Room
  - October 1<sup>st</sup>:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Heritage Banquet Room
4. **THE DRAFT:** Come review the Little Partner applications and choose your perfect match! **October 13<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00 – 8:00 pm on the first floor of Confer.
5. **MATCHING MEETING:** Meet your Little Partner at this event on **Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 6:00-7:30 in Alumni Hall.
6. **HALLOWEEN PARTY:** Attend the first and biggest event of the year! Enjoy fun activities and trick-or-treating in the dorms with your Little Partner on **Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

Applications due **SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>!!!**

If you have any questions, contact Emily Allex at [eallex@gac.edu](mailto:eallex@gac.edu)

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