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Feel free to check out our website:
www.gac.edu/communityservice/bplp

Updates will be posted frequently; you can download an application, and check out our latest pictures.



Big Partner Little Partner

Mentorship Program

Through Gustavus Adolphus College

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WHAT IS “BIG PARTNER LITTLE PARTNER”?

Big Partner Little Partner is a program provided by Gustavus Adolphus College’s Community Service Center, and United Way.

In the **Big Partner/Little Partner** program, Gustavus students are paired with elementary children from the community who will benefit from building a mentor relationship with a Gustie. This mentorship includes being a good role model and being consistent. Partners spend time together doing things like swimming, biking, baking, playing games, and sharing ice cream in the cafeteria. Large group activities such as movies and field trips are planned monthly. The Big Partner Little Partner Program is designed for Gustavus students to create one-on-one mentor relationship with a Kindergarten through 5th grade Saint Peter child.



WHO IS INVOLVED?

Big Partner Little Partner consists of about 300 people. This includes about 145 Big Partners, 145 Little Partners, and about ten coordinators. We have coordinators who specialize in certain areas to help make our program the best it can be. These positions include Latino Liason, Events, Student Communications, Parent Communications, Lead coordinator, and Public Relations coordinator.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK? AND WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES ARE THERE?

The program is designed so each pair (consisting of one Little Partner and one Big Partner) meets at least 3 times a month. These meetings can be done at anytime and can include any activity the pair desires. Some of the most common activities we see are sports activities like swimming and basketball, puzzles, crafts, and homework help. The program also puts on a large monthly event every month for the group. The pairs are highly encouraged to attend these. Some of the monthly events that

have include trips to the Science Museum and the Como Zoo, Halloween and holiday parties, bowling, swimming and skating in Lund Center on campus, and game nights.

HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY

Each fall the Big Partner Little Partner coordinators send out applications to each elementary school at the very beginning of the school year. St. Peter students are then encouraged to take them home and discuss this opportunity with their parents. After doing so, there will be specific information on the applications as to how to turn them back in with a deadline.



If you ever have any questions about the application process feel free to contact the Community Service Center at 933-6060 and they will be able to answer any of your questions.

Applications should be sent out to schools on September 3rd in either the child’s take home folder or in the office, and will be due on September 19th in the school office.