



Big Brother Big Sisters of the Bay Area

“When my son was 11 I didn't want him hanging out on the street corner and joining gangs. I wanted something better.” - Little Ricky's Mom

San Francisco County match stories



Growing up shouldn't be this hard

Tommy, age seven, suffers from post-traumatic stress from watching his father abuse his mother. His father's out of rehab now, but Tommy's mother wants him to have another male role model in his life, someone from San Francisco who will show him what it means to be a good man.

On our waiting list since December, Tommy's mother thought we'd forgotten about him - but we haven't. Last week, we found him a Big Brother. By spending just a few hours a week with Tommy, a Big Brother will make the future so much brighter for this remarkable young man.

Other young men are still waiting. Don't they deserve Big Brothers, too?



She needed someone who wouldn't go away

Just weeks after Little Sister Jessa got a new Big Sister, her guardian passed away.

Jessa, only 8 years old, spent the next months shuttling between homes, and was painfully shy.

But her Big Sister, Melanie, stuck with her the whole time, meeting her every week, being a stable presence in her life. . . being a friend.

Now, two years later, Melanie says her Little Sister has come out of her shell - Jessa is more open, more confident, and much more expressive. She even says she's writing a novel.

For Jessa, her Big Sister's willingness to hang in there through a difficult time made all the difference in the world. And Big Sister Melanie says it's one of the happiest things she's ever done.

We'd like to help more girls like Jessa find responsible, caring adults like Melanie.

Would you?