Your gift creates a brighter world for children

2017 IMPACT REPORT

Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles
You changed the lives of more than 1,800 children

A Big Impact

Thanks to you, we served youth in crucial need of mentors. These Big Brothers and Big Sisters helped mentees navigate their childhood and adolescence, fully develop their potential, and avoid the many risks youth face today.

274
mentor and mentee matches served

80
new matches formed (a 40% increase from last year!)
Scholarship Programs

76 scholarships awarded

(25% increase from last year!)

The JBBBSLA Scholarship Program offers scholarships to former Little Brothers and Little Sisters from our mentoring program and the Arnold S. Nelson Scholarship benefits campers who participate in the Witherbee Wilderness Backpacking Program. The new Rising Leaders Scholarship Program benefits teen campers and Counselors-in-Training. Students may apply for a scholarship each year of college.
Match Events

Because of you, the Youth Mentoring program held more match events this year. A total of eleven events were held for our Bigs and their Littles:

- Beach Party
- Bowling Party
- Cake Decorating at Interactive Bakery
- Comedy Theatre
- Dodgers Jewish Community Day
- Hanukkah Party
- Ice Skating
- Laser Tag
- Passover Seder
- Shabbaton at our own Camp Bob Waldorf
- Trampoline Park Day

We also received many donated tickets to sporting and cultural events, which provided much appreciated support to our Bigs for outings.

Thrive Teen Empowerment Workshops

158 teens attended Thrive workshops (a 44% increase from last year!). Three workshops were held for teens, ages 13-17. We also held two smaller satellite workshops. Workshops included interactive presentations delivered by a dynamic group of distinguished men and women.

NEW this year: Thrive has expanded to include boys. Through our mentoring and camp programs, we have seen first-hand that many teen boys lack a connection to positive adult role models. Thrive now provides both boys and girls with support and guidance, and the opportunity to interact with healthy adult role models.
Together, we prepared 45 students for college success.

Our College Guidance Program provides high school students with free professional counseling throughout their college application process. Through webinars and one-on-one sessions with professional guidance counselors, students develop a personalized college list, improve their essay writing skills, master the college interview, tailor their college applications for each college, and find financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

NEW this year: Getting into college is only the first step towards college success. We have now expanded the program to provide participants with crucial support and guidance throughout their college career.
We partnered with 54 social service agencies, nonprofits, and local synagogues from the Los Angeles community to reach youth in need.

Alliance Patti & Peter Neuwirth Leadership Academy, A Place Called Home, Bienvenidos, CASA, Five Acres, Foster Care Counts, Green Dot, Hathaway Sycamores, Imagine LA, Jewish Federation of Los Angeles, LA Family Housing, Operation Progress, Penny Lane, the Salvation Army, Stuart House, Temple Isaiah, Temple Judea, Vista Del Mar, Wilshire Boulevard Temple, and so many more!
Your support benefited youth in need from a wide range of circumstances:

- Single parent/guardian home
- Home where one parent is deceased
- Home where grandparents are caregivers
- Low-income family (59% of our Jewish families have a household income of less than $50,000)
- Newly immigrated family
- Family from disadvantaged area of Los Angeles
- Homeless family or within the foster care system
1,300 campers served

840 youth in need attended the non-sectarian summer sessions, weekend retreats, and social justice camp.

460 youth attended the Jewish summer sessions and retreats.
NEW at Camp Bob Waldorf

178 teen campers were excited to stay in the new Teen Center.

The new Teen Center has two bright and airy sleeping quarters for boys and girls, a large activities room, a teen dining area, and four additional private rooms for the Teen Coordinator, Inclusion Coordinator, and other leadership staff. The Teen Center allows teens to reside in their own exclusive area, promoting unity and community among the teens during camp.

92% of teens said they liked this new tradition of staying at the Shane Family Village before and after backpacking.

Before and after backpacking, Witherbee participants stayed in the new Shane Family Village. At the village, teens learned the basics of responsible camping and focused on team-building activities, setting individual goals, and working on collaboration and conflict resolution.
Fun Facts

Counselors came from Australia, Israel the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Poland.

100% of parents would recommend our camp to other families that have children.

89% of campers have greater confidence in themselves after camp.

85% of campers said they tried a new activity while at camp, such as swimming, the high ropes course, or archery.

82% of parents said their child has demonstrated the Four Pillars since leaving camp.

All campers participated in activities designed to teach the Four Pillars of Camp: Community, Identity, Inclusion, and Respect.
76% of parents identified positive changes in how their child relates to other children since camp.

71% of parents noted that their child developed good habits at camp.

70% of parents noted the positive changes in how their child relates to adults since camp.
Your gift helps children dream of a better future.

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