

Annual Report | 2022





BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF RHODE ISLAND

MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

Our Mission

Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

Our Vision

All youth achieve their full potential.

Our Values

Partnership

We work collaboratively with families, Bigs, and all sectors of the community.

Respect

We embrace diversity, operate in a spirit of cooperation and inclusiveness, value human dignity, and cultivate a positive and compassionate environment.

Accountability

We are committed to our mission and will be accountable at all times. We hold ourselves to the highest professional standards, which include reliability, quality support, effective governance, and effective management.

Integrity

We conduct our organization in accordance with the highest standards of professional behavior and ethics. We are transparent, honest, and ethical in all of our interactions.

Safety

We value and prioritize safety at all times and in all situations.

Empowerment

We inspire all who we serve, and all whom we work with, to learn, grow, and build confidence to independently make positive changes.



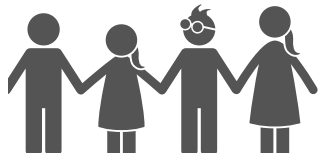


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2022 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

195

Children Served in
Community-Based Mentoring



57



New
Matches
Created

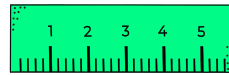
100%

of the Program
Team became
Youth Mental
Health Certified



35

Comprehensive
Mentor Training
Hours Conducted



115

Mentees Received
School Supplies

Case Management
Hours Provided to
Participants



1120

\$39,611

Awarded to families from the Family Empowerment and Investment Fund, a resource for financial support for emergencies, enrichment opportunities, and out-of-classroom experiences.

100%

of Mentees moved on to
the next grade

89%

of parents shared their
child has improved in self-
confidence & social skills

100%

of Mentors shared
mentoring has had a
positive impact on their life

- Spent our first full year in our new Providence headquarters, which places us in the heart of our client-base.
- Opened our state-of-the-art Community Room meeting space to six non-profit organizations—a number we plan to expand upon in the future.
- Saw the return of our Welcome to Summer Event at Bonnet Shores Beach Club, after a two-year hiatus due to the Covid19 Pandemic.
- Spearheaded by Board Member, Ted Turnbull, we started the BIG Adventure. An opportunity offering Mentors and Mentees an exciting 5-week ski lesson experience.



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2022 MISSION MOMENTS

Overwhelmed to Excited: How Mentoring Changed Alex's Future

Alex, a senior at North Providence High School, found guidance and support from her Mentor, Amy, a North Providence resident and Navy Veteran. As Alex's senior year began, she felt overwhelmed by anxiety about her future. The past few years had been difficult, with the loss of a family member and challenges with school and friends, making it hard for her to find joy and envision the future. Alex expressed, "I couldn't really picture what was supposed to come next; it was really stressful."

Fortunately, her Mentor Amy ignited Alex's excitement for the future by connecting her with a History professor at Brown University and arranging a campus visit. During this visit, Alex met an Art History major, asked questions she'd been hesitant to ask, and gained invaluable insights into the field. This experience inspired Alex to pursue a future as an Art History major and take action by applying to college and writing essays for scholarships. With a clear roadmap in place, Alex now embraces her future with a sense of relief and excitement, knowing she has a path to follow and a Mentor by her side.



Beyond the Sidelines: Mentor David Empowers Mentee Jacob Through Sports



Jacob and David have been matched for two years. They share a passion for playing sports such as basketball, lacrosse, baseball, and football, and enjoy accomplishing goals together. At many of Jacob's games, you can find David on the sidelines cheering him on.

Thanks to the BBBSRI Family Empowerment and Investment Fund (FEIF), which aims to provide basic needs and enrichment opportunities for all BBBSRI Mentees and families, Jacob was presented with opportunities to join sports teams. However, it is David's unwavering support, care, positivity, and consistency that has made a profound impact on Jacob's confidence and aspirations. They plan to be in each others lives for years to come!



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Dr. Dorothy Pieniadz's Life and Legacy

On December 11, 2022, Dr. Dorothy Pieniadz passed away at the age of 98. Dr. Pieniadz stayed involved with BBBSRI, the program she helped found over fifty years ago, until the end, most notably with the creation of a Scholarship Fund for Littles pursuing higher education. BBBSRI was very fortunate to have had Dr. Pieniadz as an integral part of our organization, and her lasting legacy is the thousands of young lives she improved through her generous support. Dr. Pieniadz found joy by making the lives of other people better, never putting herself first, and always striving to improve the world she lived in. We miss her friendship and we miss her, and are changed for the better for having known her.

Her legacy will continue on through the Dr. Dorothy Pieniadz Scholarship Fund at BBBSRI, the work that takes place in the Dr. Dorothy Training Room at our headquarters, and the hundreds of mentoring relationships created because of her.



\$29,750

Awarded through The Dr. Dorothy Pieniadz and CAC Scholarship Funds

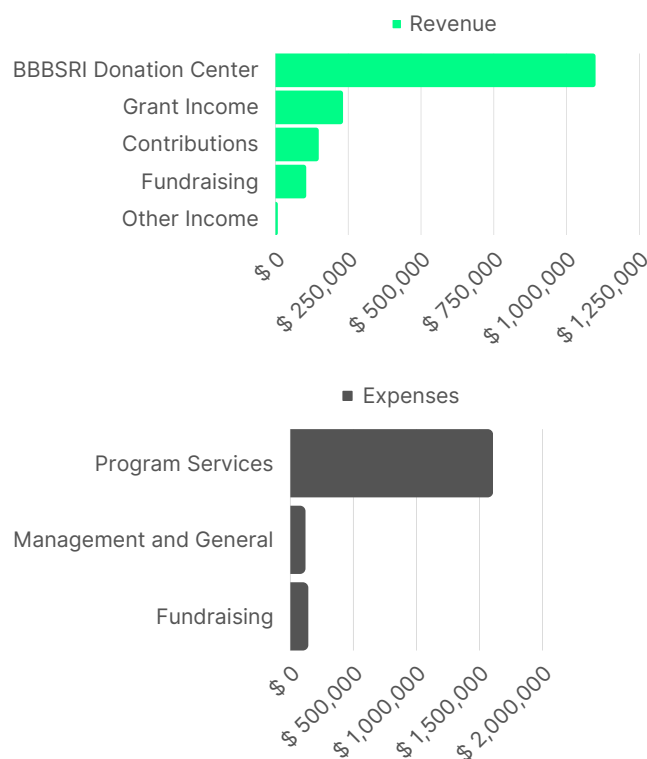
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island Income & Expenses

Revenue

	December 31, 2022
BBBSRI Donation Center	\$ 1,098,375
Grant Income	\$ 230,976
Contributions	\$ 147,563
Fundraising	\$ 104,558
Other Income	\$ 6,918
Investment Income	\$ (585,805)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,002,585

Expenses

Program Services	\$ 1,605,265
Management and General	\$ 116,868
Fundraising	\$ 139,239
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,861,372





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2022 MISSION MOMENTS

Full Circle Mentoring: An Inspiring Story of Mentorship Across Generations

Big Brother Brett (pictured on the right) became a Mentor to give back to the community after being a Mentee himself. He shared, "Having been a Mentee, I understand what they are going through. My Mentor became my family." Brett shared that his Mentor, Eric (pictured on the left), stressed the importance of school and would help him get back on track. After college, Eric continued to support Brett through employment, relationships, and life in general. While matched, Brett attended his Mentor, Eric's, wedding.

In 2022, Brett celebrated his own wedding and had a full circle moment with his Mentor Eric, and his Mentee, Kayden, both in attendance. Kayden was beyond excited to be invited to the wedding and shares that he is so happy to be Matched with Brett. Brett and Kayden are looking forward to maintaining the same type of relationship Eric and Brett have. Eric and Brett have been "matched" for over 20 years. Brett and Kayden have been matched for 1 year.



From Bike Repair to Life Lessons: The Impact of Mentoring on Young Lives



Mentoring is a powerful tool in empowering the lives of young people, as exemplified by the story of Mentee, David, and Mentor, Lyle. When David expressed his desire to fix his bike, Lyle saw an opportunity for a fun, learning experience. Instead of simply taking it to a repair shop, they went together to "Recycle a Bike" in Providence. Through this simple act of bike repair, Lyle not only taught David practical skills but also demonstrated valuable life lessons in teamwork, problem-solving, and perseverance.

Shared experiences like this one, inspire and empower young people to see their potential. It's also a reminder that sometimes the simplest experiences can have the most profound impact on young lives, shaping their futures and fostering strong relationships.



DONATION CENTER FOUNDATION OF RHODE ISLAND

2022 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

3-5 MILLION



pounds of cloth
diverted from the
landfill.

contributed
to 116 non-
profits and
municipal
groups.

150K



125+

donation bins
were available
24/7.

23



city and town
partners.

30%

profits shared
with bin
partners.

Collected 3,559,440 pounds of cloth and
271,789 pounds of household items!



In 2022, we changed the name of our non-profit clothing donation social venture enterprise to the Donation Center Foundation of Rhode Island.

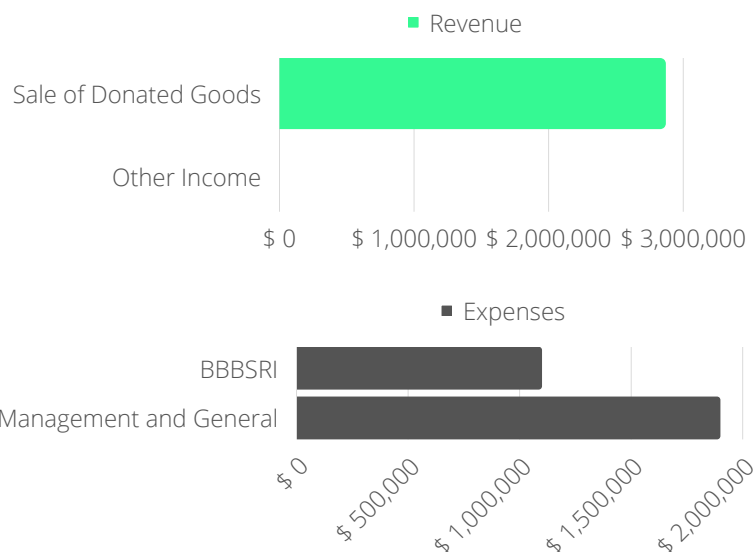
The Donation Center Foundation of Rhode Island Income & Expenses

Revenue

	December 31, 2022
Sale of Donated Goods	\$ 2,867,583
Other Income	\$ 0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,867,583

Expenses

BBBSRI	\$ 1,098,375
Management and General	\$ 1,898,094
Fundraising	\$ 0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,996,469





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OUR WORK CONTINUES

Our work continues to support the critical social and emotional development needed to help build resilience and promote the mental health and well-being of the children and youth we serve by pairing them in one-to-one mentoring relationships.

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