

Volunteer of the Year 2021-2022: Pat Sadd

Little: Michelle

Nominated by: The BBBS of Palm Beach and Martin Counties

Pat Sadd joined Big Brothers Big Sisters School-Based Program in 2019, where she mentored during the school day in a 2nd-grade classroom. As luck would have it, a mere month into volunteering, Pat received a second Little in the very same classroom! She immediately became a regular presence in the class, giving her lots of time to work with her two Littles. After learning there was a waiting list for mentors, Pat also joined the after-school program at another school. She received her next match in September 2019. She remains matched with Little Sister Michelle today.

When the chance to help Littles presented itself, Pat became a mentor for our School to Work program. She was open and excited about being one of the first mentors in the virtual School to Work program. Since 2019 Pat has mentored five students in the School to Work program.

Pat transitioned to virtual mentoring due to COVID and met with Michelle on Zoom. The two are currently participating in the Big Brothers Big Sisters CricketTogether penpal program. After months apart, Pat and Michelle recently saw each other in person at the Big Brothers Big Sisters Spring Break kick-off at the park.

By keeping an open mind and embracing the vision of the Big Brothers Big Sisters mission, Pat has touched so many lives. She is passionate about working with her students to stand in their power, take responsibility, and plan for their future. She meets each student where they are and gives her heart when helping them navigate their future.

As a volunteer and mentor, Pat is committed to the School to Work program and the students that she volunteered to be a Guest Speaker for the College and Scholarships workshop. She believes that teens should know about all options for furthering their education outside the traditional 4-year college track. Pat has used her personal time to research many lucrative career avenues that the students may not have thought of and require students to attend a trade school or complete certificate programs.

For her dedication to the vision of Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Programs, the entire BBBS of Palm Beach and Martin Counties team has come together to nominate Pat for the Big Volunteer of the Year 2021-2022. Her passion, commitment, and love for each student she works with make her a true defender of potential.