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The Big Brother-Big Sister program brings together adult volunteers with children who typically come from abusive or single-parent homes.

Children in need get big pals

□ Big Brother-Big Sister of Mid-Oregon pairs children with older role models

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A child's words can say it all. And those words can be their own reward for volunteers with Big Brother-Big Sister of Mid-Oregon.

One little boy simply expressed in his program evaluation how he felt about his big brother, said Merrie Garoutte, Big Brother-Big Sister executive director. "All I can say is thank heaven for Devon," the boy wrote.

Garoutte said the program is a big help to the kids, aged six

to 14-years-old, who typically come from abusive or single-parent homes.

"There are two things that keep kids out of trouble," she said. "Number one, knowing that someone cares about them, and number two, something to keep them busy."

Garoutte said the Big Brother-Big Sister program has 37 active matches. About 100 kids are on the waiting list, the majority of whom are boys. She said this is because more women volunteer than men.

For four years, University student Tina Songer has been the Big Sister to 11-year-old Amandine Kastler.

"It's satisfying to know I'm making a positive impact on a young person's life," she said. "Hopefully, (the kids) look

back on (the experience) with a positive outlook."

Songer said she hopes she can reassure her little sister that she's special, even though she may not come from what society views as a nuclear family.

"She's not any less special because she comes from a single parent family," Songer said. "Someone else thinks she's pretty special."

Songer received the 1991 Big Sister of the Year Award from Big Brother-Big Sister of Mid-Oregon after Amandine described why Songer was such a great big sister. Amandine gave a speech at her middle school graduation about her big sister that brought tears to Songer's eyes.

"I like being a little sister because it gives you someone to talk to, someone to share secrets with," Amandine said.

Volunteers must provide Big Brother-Big Sister of Mid-Oregon with four personal references, all of which are checked. Then, a criminal check is done. A two-to-four-hour interview and a home visit follow if the person's police record checks out.

Garoutte said she hopes the lengthy screening process doesn't deter volunteers. However, it is done for a reason.

"A bad match is another failure for a child who doesn't need another," she said.

Garoutte said she encourages volunteers to spend the time with their kids doing the things they would in an ordinary day.

"I call it sharing an ethic of success," Garoutte said. "Most of (the kids) are from multi-welfare families. Most of them have been pieces of the system for so long a time, they don't feel they can do anything."

Garoutte said about 50 percent of applicants are University students. But students' lives change quickly, so only about 27 percent of volunteers are students.

Big Brother-Big Sister of Mid-Oregon is a non-profit organization. The Lane County Inter-governmental Human Services and United Way provide about 10 percent of the program's funding. Garoutte said for the rest of the program's money, "We hustle."

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