

Lonely kids need big brother, sister

Child Services is looking for volunteers for the big Brother and Sister

program consists mainly of just befriending a lonely child from a one-parent family. Sometimes the child is from another home or in some way needs special

requirements are that the big sister must be 18 years of age and have a minimum of not less than six months of experience. The child is visited once a week usually for one hour.

"It is just being a friend, not a counselor, and one need not have experience," stressed Debra Martin, assistant coordinator for the Clackamas County Big Brother and Sister Program.

Children are referred to her from Welfare. They are usually from 6 to 12 years old.

Big brothers and sisters are matched according to interests and hobbies in common with the children.

Martin, who has just recently been appointed to her office, has found that there have been 15 referrals on file for the last six

months. She has sent out announcements on radio, TV, and different organizations and churches. She has received only two applicants.

"It is hard to find volunteers for anything and people don't like to make commitments," said Martin.

"The Multnomah Big Brother and Sister Program has been active for long time, but Clackamas County's program is having a hard time getting started," she added.

If you are interested in being a big brother or sister call Debra Martin, 657-2098, Child-rear Services.

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