

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE LOWCOUNTRY:

MATCH SUCCESS STORY



King & Andrew

Phylicia wanted King to have "someone who could be a stable person in his life, and who could help him throughout his crucial years growing up," so she decided to enroll him in Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lowcountry. She describes him as "very much in his own world, but he is outgoing as well. He is just very sweet and caring." In his free time, King loves to draw, play games, and stay active with sports. Since being matched with Andrew, Phylicia has already seen King grow. He's been developing his emotional regulation skills and learning to process situations more thoughtfully before reacting. Both Phylicia and Andrew have been helping him build mindfulness techniques. Phylicia looks forward to seeing him grow throughout the match and believes King has a bright future ahead, sharing, "I could see him becoming a pastor or taking on a mentorship role one day."

King can't remember exactly why he wanted a Big, but he's happy he was matched with Andrew, saying, "I have a lot of fun with him! I like that he teaches me things, and he has helped me learn golf and soccer. Center field middle has become my favorite position in soccer!" He also enjoys playing games on his PlayStation 5 with Andrew and says Andrew has helped him improve in school—especially writing—and in learning new sports skills. When asked about his favorite memory, King said he didn't have just one: he's really enjoyed playing golf, football, and basketball with Andrew.

Andrew became a Big because he wanted to guide a child who needed a supportive, influential mentor. He felt fortunate growing up and wanted to give back to someone who may not have had the same advantages. Since being matched with King, he's noticed significant progress: "He has opened up more

to me, and seems to have really taken to soccer. The last time we met up and played at the beach, I noticed a dramatic great improvement in LB's soccer skills". Andrew had thoughtfully given King a soccer ball and was thrilled when King told him he had been using it: "yea, I've been practicing all the time!" One of Andrew's favorite memories is the first time they played soccer. He saw King become frustrated playing with other kids but was able to coach him through it. "We talked about how to handle and process the frustration," Andrew said, and King "was able to move past it and persevere through it." He's proud of King's growth and values the bond they've built. Andrew continues to be a strong male role model and admires King for his consistently positive attitude.