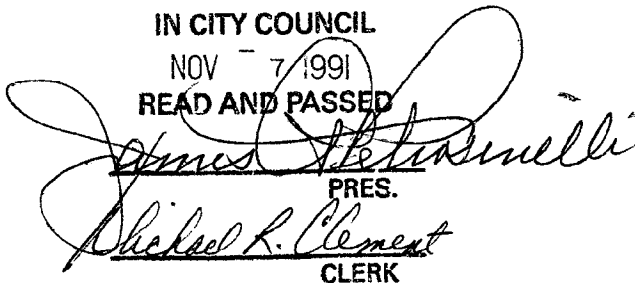
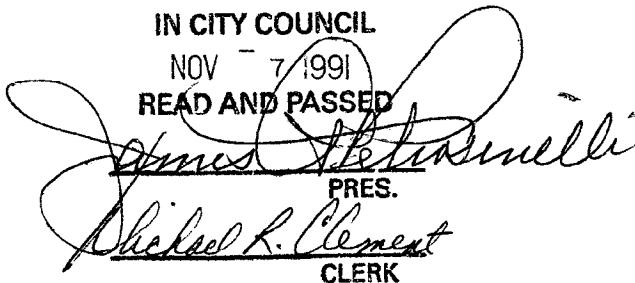


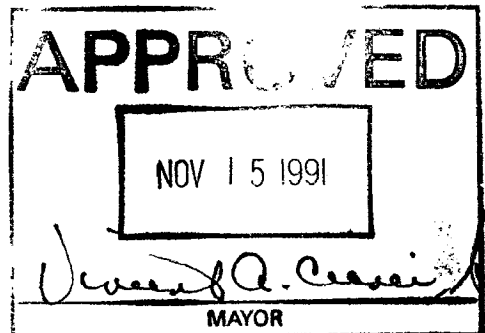
# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 594

*Approved* November 15, 1991

RESOLVED, That His Honor the Mayor is authorized to execute a lease to The Big Brothers of Rhode Island, Inc. for that building located at 675 Academy Avenue, at an annual rental of One (\$1.00) Dollar, per year for a period of Ten (10) Years with an option to renew for an additional Ten (10) Years and subject to the approval of the City Solicitor's Office and the Department of Planning and Development.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
NOV 7 1991  
READ AND PASSED  
  
PRES.  
  
CLERK



THE COMMITTEE ON  
CITY PROPERTY

Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution

*Michael R. Clement*

Chairman

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November 7, 1991

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DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK  
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December 3, 1991

Mr. John J. McLaughlin  
Big Brothers of R. I., Inc.  
100 Lafayette Street  
Pawtucket, R. I. 02860

Dear Mr. McLaughlin,

Enclosed is a certified copy of Resolution No. 594,  
approved November 15, 1991, the same being self-explanatory.

Will you kindly communicate with the City Solicitor's  
Office to execute lease.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael R. Clement".  
Michael R. Clement  
City Clerk

MRC/bp

Enc.

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We feel that we will complement the residential character of the neighborhood and enhance nearby property values by the extensive renovations we will perform on the site, both exterior and interior.

A fully qualified building contractor has examined the premises and estimates it will cost about \$260,000. for renovations to make the building a beautiful, safe, clean and habitable property.

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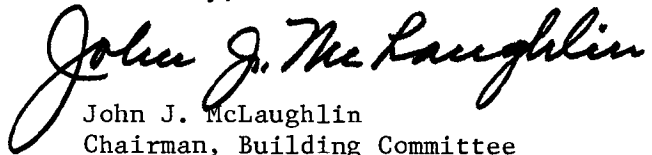
However, we would also agree to revert the site to the City of any unforeseen condition arises that prevents Big Brothers from performing on this proposal.

I look forward to meeting with you to formalize a letter of intent to purchase and whatever else is required to move this project forward.

Enclosed for your review is a brochure covering certain of the activities of Big Brothers of Rhode Island.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,



John J. McLaughlin  
Chairman, Building Committee  
Big Brothers of Rhode Island, Inc.

cc: Mayor Vincent Cianci  
Ms. Evelyn Fagnoli  
Mr. Peter Mancini  
Mr. John Palmieri

JJMc/pn  
Enclosure

My Big brother is lots of fun. He takes  
me to places I've never been to or played  
before..I think its good to have a big brother  
because I can express my feelings to him.  
I like to have him around because he's caring.  
David likes to play many games such as golf,  
swimming,squash and so on. I've never been  
around somebody as nice to me except my mother.

YOUR FRIEND,  
Kirk

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# THE DAY THE WORLD CHANGED FOR RHODE ISLAND'S FATHERLESS BOYS.

December 15, 1952 was a very big day in the life of fatherless boys in Rhode Island. On that day in the Providence County Court House a small group of caring men founded Big Brothers of Rhode Island.

The concept came from the then Chief Justice of the Family Court, the late Francis J. McCabe. Judge McCabe felt very strongly that many of the troubled boys who were showing up in his courtroom could be helped and possibly saved from wasted lives if responsible male adults would take an interest in them and in their problems.

The one-man-one-boy concept Judge McCabe envisioned would be built on a long-term friendship between a man and a fatherless boy. Finding qualified, dedicated men who cared enough to be part of the lives of these boys has been the goal of Big Brothers of R.I. from day one.

At the beginning the men who shaped the Big Brothers program included, in addition to Judge McCabe, Colonel Maurice Wolf, who was named Temporary Chairman, George Katz, who was the first Executive Director, and Walter Adler, first President of the organization.

Big Brothers of R.I. covers the entire state working with Little Brothers who range in age from 7 to 14 years.

How well Big Brothers has done its job can be documented by the hundreds of beneficiaries who have become successful men in their own right. No single program in the history of Rhode Island youth can match Big Brothers in providing new hope and faith in the lives of fatherless boys.

Today, more than ever, the support of a Big Brother can be the biggest break a young boy could get as he faces the tremendous challenges of growing up. Truly, a Big Brother *does* make a big difference!

**BIG BROTHERS**  
of Rhode Island

JONATHAN AND JONATHON



## WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME A BIG BROTHER?

We're looking for mature, stable men of good moral character who have a genuine interest in sharing their knowledge and experience with a fatherless boy. Our Big Brothers range in age from 19 years and up. To be a Big Brother a man should be able to:

*Listen and understand the thoughts and feelings of their Little Brother.*

*Respond to the needs of their Little Brother while minimizing their own needs.*

*Enjoy seeing a boy become all he can be.*

*Become a close friend of their Little Brother without conditions of any kind.*

*Make time available for the boy which does not conflict with your home and work life.*

*Demonstrate self confidence at all times.*

*Learn from any mistakes you might make.*

*See your Little Brother as a "person" not a "case".*

*Allow the boy to make his own choices and judgments whenever practicable.*

These are qualities which represent a general standard against which Big Brother candidates can be measured.



GERRY AND ODELL



# WE'RE VERY SERIOUS ABOUT WHO BECOMES A BIG BROTHER

Applications for Big Brother election are studied most seriously with the primary objective being the future of the Little Brother. For instance, if an applicant shows irresponsibility by not keeping appointments and makes it difficult for us to obtain the information we need to evaluate him, we see a problem.

## LITTLE BROTHER PROFILES

Our best candidates are between 7 and 14 years old and are growing up without a male influence in their lives and who live in an area served by Big Brothers of R.I. The boys we seek need adult male friendship, advice, and a man they can look up to and emulate.

The highest priority is afforded to younger children who are not as fixated in their emotional and behavioral patterns as most older boys. There are always exceptions to any rule, and some of the older children might be judged to require priority consideration. An important consideration would be the area the boy comes from and the number of Priority 1 presently in that area. The focus here should be on the relative chances of success with assigning the boy to a Big Brother.

## ALL ABOUT US AND OUR POLICIES

If you are a potential Big Brother you need to know and understand the underlying philosophy and the methods of our operation . . . and about your responsibilities to us and to your Little Brother.

If you are a parent inquiring about Little Brother membership for your son you need to know the ground rules for participation and the responsibility Big Brothers

have for both parent and child. After you have talked with a member of our staff you can determine if you wish to apply.

Our constant supervision of the Big Brother-Little Brother Teams is a primary reason for the high success rate of our program. We will share the details of this supervision with you when you apply as a potential Big Brother or a parent of a potential Little Brother.

Call Big Brothers at (401) 722 6300 to get complete facts on all of our policies and procedures.

## THE MATCHING PROCESS

The vital matching process is the key to a successful Big Brother-Little Brother relationship.

There are specific service obligations our professional staff shares with prospective Big Brothers. There are as follows:

1. The Prospect must be at least 18 years old: there is no upper age limit.

2. The Prospect must be able to serve for a *minimum* of one year; the goal is to establish a relationship and, ideally, to form a life-long friendship.

3. The Prospect must be able to see the Child (generally) once a week for approximately 4 to 6 hours; a minimum of 3 to 4 hours per visit is preferred over several weekly contacts of shorter duration or monthly contacts of longer duration.

4. The Prospect must have access to a car (or be able to demonstrate an adequate and acceptable alternative); adequate auto liability insurance is required.

5. The Prospect must attend scheduled Orientation Meetings.

6. The Prospect must be able to meet at the office for interviewing and screening (the intake and screening process need not be fully explained during the inquiry state, as the Orientation Meeting will elaborate on the entire process.)

7. The Prospect must be informed that the Agency conducts reference and other checks as a routine part of the screening process.

8. The Prospect must be able to meet with the Staff on a regularly scheduled basis for duration of the match.

My son Craig, who is eight years old, has been in the Big Brothers Program since February. I cannot believe the big change in him over the past 2 months.

In October, the School Department diagnosed my son as being "school-phobic". They felt that in the best interest of the other children, Craig should remain at home. Quite often he would throw temper tantrums. He was becoming uncontrollable.

A friend of the family suggested Big Brothers. I was skeptical. I didn't think a stranger could make any difference. But I was willing to try anything. In the beginning of February, Craig was matched up with Ken, a student at Brown University. Within six weeks, Craig was back in school. The temper tantrums have all but disappeared. He has made a complete turnaround.

Ken has become a major part of his life. I would recommend this program to anyone. It is the best thing that could happen to any fatherless boy. I never thought that one person could change a person's life in so short a time.

I'm glad I made the decision to ask Big Brothers for their help. Thank you so much for being there when we needed you.

Sincerely,  
Diana

We want to make sure the match-ups are comfortable for both Big and Little Brothers. Factors which are carefully considered include those described in the following two paragraphs:

The Matching Process is of special importance to insure that the assignment results in a wholesome, compatible and meaningful relationship for both participants. The needs and strengths of the Client (child) and the background of a particular Candidate must be the governing factors in a match which will promote a spontaneity in a relationship best suited to meeting the *needs of the Child*. For this reason it is generally best to consider the available unassigned Candidate(s) and determine which unassigned Client each Candidate could best help.

There are a number of criteria involved in preparing for the Match, the first of which is the consideration of *geographic location*. Experience has shown that one of the most important factors present in deteriorating matches is that the travel time between the two homes is unreasonable. When an exception is made to this basic consideration it must be only with the knowledge that the Volunteer is truly an exceptionally committed person or the nature of travel in a given community is such that longer distances are not considered unusual.

If you are a parent you will want to know that we work to relate the following elements to the desires of the Big Brother to the Little Brother:

1. Age of Little Brother.
2. Similarity in philosophy of life, including religious conviction, if any.
3. Cultural background, including ethnicity.
4. Differences in economic background (it is advisable that these be as minimal as possible).
5. Compatibility of attitudes regarding education.
6. Mutual interests.
7. Volunteer's skills and interests in working towards the long-range goals established for the match.

## BIG BROTHERS OF RHODE ISLAND SERVICES

Recruiting, Screening, Orientation and  
Training Big Brothers.  
Mother/Child Intake.  
Matching Process.  
Preparing Big Brothers for Assignments.  
Introducing Big Brother to Little Brother.  
Supervision of Match-ups.  
Closing cases where required.  
Periodic Match reviews.

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How do Little Brothers feel about their Big Brothers? Proud, happy, wanted, loved, stimulated, and secure! As hundreds of fatherless boys in Rhode Island know, a Big Brother makes a big difference.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The goal of the Big Brothers of Rhode Island has remained the same since our beginning in 1952. We continue to provide young boys from single parent families with the friendship of an adult male Big Brother whom the boy can emulate.

Over the years there have been many changes improving our activities, volunteer recruitment, public awareness and most importantly the delivery of quality service.

Our great success can be attributed to the skill and leadership of its administration and Board of Directors, whose support and guidance have helped us to meet our goals.

I recognize with admiration and hold in high esteem the outstanding work of our staff. Unless one has worked screening volunteers, making match-ups and supervising them, one is unlikely to appreciate their dedication and caring.

The backbone of our program is the dedicated Big Brothers who have provided friendship, emotional support, understanding and guidance to young boys. The volunteers are motivated only by a spirit of selfless concern for the needs of others.

At Big Brothers the spirit, determination and dedication has never been stronger. There is a growing feeling of intense pride and confidence that will move us forward with unprecedented levels of achievement.

*Val Sinesi*

VAL SINESI  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# My Big Brother

Brad is my #1 Best friend. He takes me to Basketball, Lacross, Rugby, and Hockey. He is awesome. He plays Gatoropoly with me. He plays Basketball with me. I like having Brad for my Big Brother.

James

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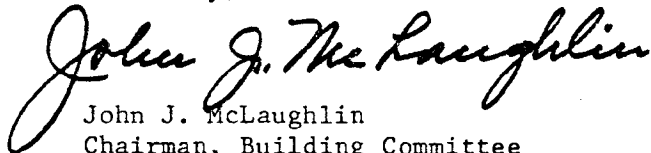
However, we would also agree to revert the site to the City of any unforeseen condition arises that prevents Big Brothers from performing on this proposal.

I look forward to meeting with you to formalize a letter of intent to purchase and whatever else is required to move this project forward.

Enclosed for your review is a brochure covering certain of the activities of Big Brothers of Rhode Island.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,



John J. McLaughlin  
Chairman, Building Committee  
Big Brothers of Rhode Island, Inc.

cc: Mayor Vincent Cianci  
Ms. Evelyn Fagnoli ✓  
Mr. Peter Mancini  
Mr. John Palmieri

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Enclosure