



BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIG



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HISTORY

Big Kidz Foundation, the philanthropic vision of Outkast member Antwan “Big Boi” Patton, is an effort to take education and knowledge to another dimension. Established in 2006, with a firm belief that cultural exposure, musical and literary expressions, and the invaluable experiences of travel, makes for a well-rounded person, and this is what solidifies the result of our mission.

OUR MISSION - is to nurture the intellect of youth by providing them with culturally diverse experiences, in the field of humanities, which will expand their leadership abilities and create social-conscious individuals.



OUR VISION - is to positively affect literacy, mathematics, public speaking, and artistic inclination through use of humanities.

Big Boi of the Grammy Award winning duo Outkast, has had an enjoyable tenure in the music business and attributes the success of this group to their originality and non-traditional creativity.

"What we talk about in our music lends depth and comes from a deeply creative place. Outkast as a duo has been blessed with a provocative influence on the industry. What we have is innate, and I want to bring it out of the kids I affect. There are a lot of us [celebrities] creating change as a whole. I want to be more specific in my efforts. I want to leave lasting impressions on these kids." Big Boi



PROGRAMS

BIG VOICES

“The importance of exposure is making a young person part of a conversation that society has been having without them for years.” - Big Boi

Program places Speech /Debate clubs in local high schools in an effort to teach youth to:

- Communicate more effectively
- Become better listeners
- Improve presentation skills
- Increase leadership potential
- Increase self confidence

Oratorical Competition- Annually, youth throughout the state will compete in speaking competitions for scholarships.

Essay competition – Youth submit essays on a specific topic for scholarship opportunities.

Teen Summits- Hosted annually to provide a forum for teens to talk openly about the problems they face today.



BIG MOVES

“The efforts within this program will not only stress education, but will stress exposure to culture.” Big Boi

Program provides youth with an opportunity to travel nationally, exposing them to culturally diverse experiences that will expand their horizons.

BIG TALENT

“Creating, and having a positive contribution to the world we’re living in, takes knowledge on another level; takes expression on another level, and I want to be apart of making that happen.” Big Boi

Program provides youth with a platform to showcase their talent as well as opportunities to sharpen their craft.



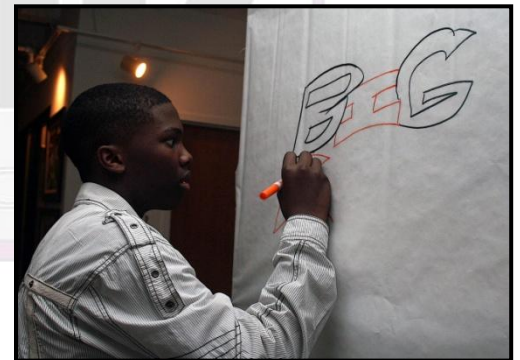
Summer Day Camp, held during the summer break joins young aspiring musicians, artist and dancers for an intensive skill buildings course. Participants are joined by professionals in different disciplines and these mentors work to pass the torch to the next generation. Program concludes with a showcase and exhibitions.

BIG BUSINESS

Allow youth an opportunity to understand entrepreneurship, money management and working smart. This program provides them with the tools, resources and knowledge to turn a hobby into a small business.

BIG DREAMS

Our Youth Mentoring program matches mentors with young people who need or want a caring, responsible adult in their lives. Mentors work as volunteers and together they explore careers and questions about life. Our unique Cybermentoring program allows mentors and teens to interact using the latest internet technology which expands our reach.



BIG HEARTS

Our Outreach Program provides resources & support to local schools, organizations, shelters, group homes families and individuals in need throughout the year.



TEAM

Executive Director

Jennifer Lester, A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Jennifer has over 10 years of experience in social services and nonprofits organizations. She combines a Master's degree in Psychology from Georgia School of Psychology with a Bachelor's in Psychology from Clark Atlanta University. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)-Areas of Specialization: correctional institutions, child abuse, at risk youth, trauma relief and life coaching.

Jennifer spent the last 9 years serving as the director of one of Georgia's oldest private non-profit family support agency. In 2008, she established The Purpose Project, LLC a multidisciplinary behavioral healthcare practice that offers mental health services, life coaching, career counseling, and leadership training throughout Metropolitan Atlanta. She has worked with community agencies such as United Way, DeKalb County Juvenile Courts, National Head Start Association and Georgia Department of Family and Children Services to mention a few. Her commitment and devotion to improving the lives of others has landed her public recognition and many awards.

Our Team consists of caring professionals who are dedicated to changing the lives of youth. The Big Kidz Foundation Team is made up of highly skilled marketing & PR consultants, administrative staff, interns and volunteers.

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We are dedicated to helping youth and could not do it without our contributors, sponsors, partners and volunteers. There are several ways you can support our cause:

Charitable Contributions

Join us in our efforts to make a difference by making a charitable contribution. You can donate funds to a specific program or make a general contribution.

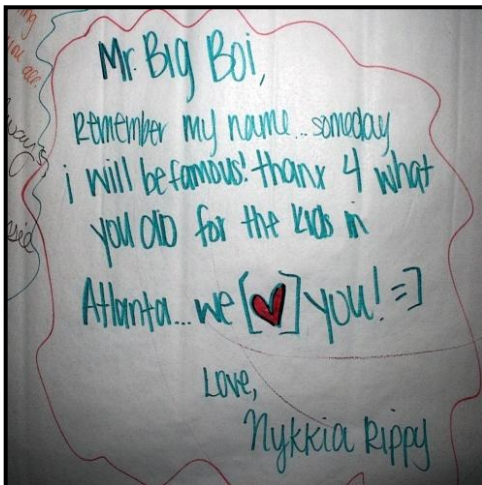
Corporate Gifts & Sponsorship

If you are a corporation interested in sponsoring or partnering with us, please direct your inquiries to Jlester@bigkidzfoundation.org



Volunteering

The Big Kidz Foundation utilizes volunteers for our events and programs. You may volunteer as a group or individually. If you are interested in volunteering for a specific event or on an ongoing basis please contact our office or email us to be placed on our volunteer list.



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