

CORPORATE BIG HIGHLIGHT: UNITI FIBER - CONNIE BOOTHE

Each month we recognize a Big from our Corporate Big Partner companies who was selected by their peers for their dedicated commitment to changing the lives of children facing adversity for the better, forever. Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Alabama is proud to bestow this award on these remarkable individuals. Those who are chosen for this honor should understand that they effectively represent all Bigs in their company.



Connie Booth and Amiar matched in 2016.

I was placed with Amiar when she was in 1st grade at George Hall Elementary. She and I shared a love of reading that really bonded us. She was very shy and not very talkative. Over the years I've had the pleasure of seeing her on a weekly basis, attending awards ceremonies, and school field days. We have had wonderful times on BBBS fieldtrips

and at Christmas parties. I still have things she made me hanging in my office.

She is now in the 8th grade at Williamson Middle School where she continues to get good grades and made the cheer team. She has really come out of her shell this year and is a lot more talkative and involved with school activities. I continue to try to teach her how to be grateful and thankful for the adults in her school and how they are there to help her be the best she can be. We do treats for the cheer team and little gifts for Mrs. Parrott-Holder and the office staff. At the end of each year, I let her know that if she doesn't want to continue in the program that I will understand but she



still says she wants me to come all the way to graduation. I really hope to be in the stands when she walks across the stage/field.

Being a BIG has been such a rewarding experience for me. I have truly enjoyed seeing Amiar grow and change over the years. I think the best compliment I have received was from Mrs. Parrott-Holder when she told me how much she loves the special relationship Amiar and I share. I look forward to what the next 4 years will hold for us.

To learn more about our elite Corporate Big Program that Unti Fiber is a proud member of, please visit www.bbbssa.org.

DO YOU THINK YOUR COMPANY WOULD BE A GOOD FIT? The Corporate Big Program is a flexible School-based mentoring opportunity that measurably impacts the lives of the children we serve but also your company culture and the lives of our mentors, your employees. We pair each company with their own school in close proximity and the company allows those who want to participate and who qualify to leave work one hour a week for the duration of the school year to meet with their mentee at school, during school hours. Research shows employees-even those that don't volunteer-feel greater pride and loyalty toward an employer that supports a respected cause like Big Brothers Big Sisters and encourages employees to get involved. If you think this flexible volunteer opportunity that has a measurable impact would be a great fit for your company, visit our website to see a list of our current outstanding Corporate Big partners and call or email Aimee at 251-454-2233 or aimee@bbbssa.org for more information.