

## Kirk and Malik

In many cases, becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister means introducing new ideas and concepts to children. Big Brother Kirk was recently matched with nine year old Malik through our Amachi program. Kirk wanted to share the spring past time of baseball with his young friend, and purchased a new glove and ball for a recent weekend outing.

Young Malik had never experienced the sport before, and had to be shown the basics of how to stand to hit the ball, which hand to wear your glove on to catch, and such. "We were hitting in our church gym that day because it was cold outside, and within two hours, Malik was hitting the ball hard enough we had to switch to a wiffle ball to make sure we didn't break any windows!" Kirk relayed.

Little Brother Malik is now even enrolled in Little League! Kirk continued, "But it's not just baseball. I'm a general contractor by trade... and last weekend we went to Lowe's and spent over two hours with Malik asking me questions about every single tool and piece of building material in the place. Who knows, we might have a future contractor!"

The real magic of Big Brothers Big Sisters lies in the fact that while a child picking up baseball in a Sunday afternoon is great, and a natural curiosity for a potential career choice is rewarding... the relationship between a Little Brother and Big Brother is much more than that.

Kirk will be there on the sidelines to help teach Malik the rules of baseball and how to play the game as his skills improve... as well as showing him the possibilities of a career he might have never been exposed to as an option. In the process, Malik's future is now brighter than ever.

