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WHAT WE ARE

The Big Sister Association is organized to give assistance to any girl in any way that she may require, whether she be dependent, delinquent, under-privileged or friendless in a large city. Our aim is preventive social service work, to eliminate wrong conditions before they have given birth to trouble.

GIRLS themselves come to us for friendly aid because they know we have helped their chums over rough places in life; PARENTS ask our advice in meeting the problem of guiding and controlling their headstrong families; TEACHERS seek our co-operation with refractory pupils; ORGANIZATIONS such as the Neighbourhood Workers' Association and Public Health Nurses, wish us to influence girls in families with whom they come in contact; the JUVENILE COURT requires our services with the milder type of delinquents; YOU yourself may tell us of some girl whom we could help.

WHAT WE DO

We find any girl a "job" that suits her best, in a place that has been investigated and found fit.

If the health of a girl requires it, she is taken to a hospital and given **MEDICAL TREATMENT**. We arrange for institutional care and rest-cures.

Gay, wholesome **RECREATION** is provided in the "Girls' Club," 21 Carlton Street, where any girl may enjoy the skating rink, gymnastics, dancing class, social dancing with her boy friends, dramatics, glee clubs, parties, good books, good friends and good times.

An **EMERGENCY BED-ROOM** is always ready to welcome a girl who needs shelter. **INSTRUCTION IN DOMESTIC ARTS** is offered.

EMERGENCY AID is given to a Little Sister, such as an outfit of clothing, a week's board money to tide her over illness, a lunch, or a ticket back home.

A **SCHOLARSHIP FUND** has been established to enable ambitious girls to continue their schooling who would otherwise be forced by family circumstances to start the battle of life unprepared.

LEGAL ADVICE is given free to girls, and adults who have harmed them are brought to Court.

We assist other agencies in general
FAMILY REHABILITATION.

This detailed work is done by trained social service workers.

A Public Health Nurse telephoned us that a mother who was from a far land had died in the hospital, leaving her little thirteen-year-old girl unprotected in a not desirable quarter of the city. The Big Sisters were in that desolate home the same day and undertook the responsibility of caring for "Jeannette." Her small inheritance was placed to her credit in a bank and a kind home was found for her small self where "Jeannette" might continue to attend school, board free, until distant relations could be induced to have her go to them. A volunteer Big Sister has helped to ease the sorrow in Jeannette's life by taking her on many pleasure trips in her friendly car and by welcoming the child to her home whenever she wanted "Some place to go."

"Madge" was a delicate hard-working little clerk in a large store which sent us word that she needed our care. A Big Sister secretary called on "Madge" and read the warning in the flushed cheek and the too-bright eyes. She persuaded her to go for a medical examination, where the verdict was passed that only a sanitarium would give her a chance for life. The Big Sisters arranged that "Madge"

should rest in her boarding-house for a week to gain strength to travel; milk and eggs were sent in, and a complete wardrobe of essentials for an invalid cheered her for the journey.

"Annie" is a bright Little Sister who is exceedingly anxious to finish her course at school, but her surly father, a confirmed alcoholic, refused to buy her the necessary books, which the Big Sisters then supplied. Not long after "Annie" told us a story of such shocking abuse by her father that we reported the matter to the police, and the father was sent to jail. This would have meant the end of "Annie's" education, as funds were very low, but the Big Sisters are providing the means for this Little Sister to obtain her diploma.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

You have often longed to be of some real help to someone less fortunate than yourself in order that the sacred mother instinct in you may be satisfied. We give you your opportunity.

It is your privilege to be a Big Sister, to see your Little Sister once a week, to show her an ideal of home-life, to get her a few pleasures, to win her confidence, to raise her ideals that you may help one human being develop her best self.

Your reward will be the love and friendship of your Little Sister and the

happy consciousness that you have brought one girl nearer to the fulfilment of womanhood.

DO IT NOW

We have helped over 700 girls.

We have but three field secretaries.

They made about 4,000 calls on Little Sisters in the year 1919.

They were assisted by 54 volunteers.

We need twice as many volunteers to help us carry on.

Send in your name to us to-day.

If you are unable to assist us by personal volunteer service, we would appreciate gifts of clothing, for which we would call.

Your membership fee of two dollars or more would be gratefully accepted by our Treasurer, Miss Chauncey Tocque, 350 Brunswick Avenue.

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