Mission

Big Shoulders Fund is an independent charitable organization that serves inner-city schools which provide a quality, values-based education for Chicago’s children, thereby contributing to stronger communities.

What We Do

Big Shoulders Fund leverages the expertise of volunteers from the Chicago business community to teach 8th grade students across Chicago about the financial markets, saving and investing, and careers in financial services.

2020-2021 Program Statistics

- Over 1,000 Students
- 71 Classrooms
- 61 Schools
- 170 Teachers
- $180,000 invested in the schools

Stock Market Program Facts

- Program is run by individual volunteers or teams of 2 to 5
- Curriculum is provided by Big Shoulders Fund
- One-hour class per month from September-May
- Students virtually invest $3,000
- Big Shoulders tracks the performance of every portfolio
- Compete against other schools for coveted Stock Market Program Championship trophy
- Year-end capstone field trip

Corporate Sponsorships

- Corporate sponsorships start at $3,000 and will be awarded to the school and students through Big Shoulders Fund
- Sponsorship allows for robust employee engagement as volunteer teachers in a Big Shoulders Fund school, though doesn’t require employee participation.
- Corporate sponsors are recognized in Big Shoulders Fund’s Annual Report
- Volunteers are not required to sponsor, but it is recommended

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Sponsors:

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- U.S. Trust
- PNC
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- Coeur Mining
- Capital One
- Invesco
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