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Big Brothers Big Sisters goes to bat for young fans

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Fans would go batty to trade places with them, but Johnny Orozco and Zenia Mathis were the luckiest kids in Red Sox Nation during last night's second World Series game at Fenway Park.

Thanks to Big Brothers Big Sisters' "Step Up to the Plate" program sponsored by Holiday Inn Hotels, the kids were selected to be honorary batboy and batgirl for the Red Sox and took to the field during batting practice.

"I'm a real big Red Sox fan, but this is my first World Series game," said 15-year-old Johnny of Lowell, who attended Game 2 with his Big Brother, Matt Anderson.

The two were paired in 2004 through Big Brothers Big Sisters, the nation's largest and most effective youth mentoring organization. "You have a friend

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that you can hang out with and talk to," said Johnny, who talks and plays sports with his Big Brother all the time.

In 2006, Caroline Scott of Newton was matched with her little sister, 10-year-old Zenia Mathis of Cambridge. Like Johnny, Zenia loves sports. She plays first base and pitcher for her Little League team, the Cambridge Blue Jays.

"Zenia is an incredible athlete," boasted Scott, who escorted Mathis to last night's game.

Scott spends time with her little sister through fun activities such as berry picking, gardening and cooking, but admits that Zenia's "first love is sports."

To volunteer or donate to Big Brothers Big Sisters, call 888-412-BIGS or go to www.bigbrothersbigsisters.org.

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