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Interested in learning more about BBBS or want to take the first step in becoming a Big?

Plan to attend one of our no-obligation Mentor Orientations. These are held on the first and third Thursday of each month (except holidays) at the BBBS office. They begin at 5:30 and usually last an hour. Call 442-7479 to sign up to attend our next orientation!

Back by Popular Demand—Helena Chilly Open! Helena's only spoof golf tournament and chili Cook-off! Be a sponsor, donor or golfer!
Saturday, October 21st. Tee Times: 11 am and 1 pm
Green Meadow Country Club

Sponsored by Big Sky Gas, Blue Cross Blue Shield and Sound Health Imaging

Call 442-7479 to reserve your Tee time.
\$40 Individual
\$150 Foursome
\$250 Hole Sponsor
\$500 Birdie Sponsor
\$1000 Eagle Sponsor
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WESTERN ROUND UP!

Come in your favorite western wear and be sure to visit the Okay Corral Bar!



BIG News!

September, 2017



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Helena



Colleen K. Brady,
President/CEO

Happy 50th Birthday Big Brothers Big Sisters!

As **YOU** know we are **50** this year! For **50** years we have kept kids away from risky behaviors, pulled kids back from the brink of suicide, helped kids stay in school, and listened to their needs, fears, hopes and dreams. It has not been easy, but with **YOUR HELP** we have matched thousands of kids with mentors. And we want to do this for another **50** years and then some.

However, we are now facing the most difficult financial situation since I've been President, and likely the toughest time this organization has ever seen. Funding for BBBS from the state and federal governments has been substantially reduced and in some cases completely eliminated. This has already forced us to cut one staff position, severely reducing our capacity for school-based matches, and our support for peer mentoring programs between Capital High School and Kessler and Rossiter Elementary Schools. It is also forcing us to look at other programs we may need to drastically decrease. This means that the **50+ children** on our waiting list are going to wait longer for their Bigs. Without funding they may **never** experience the benefits of one-to-one mentoring!

We need your help. Our organization has had a huge impact on this community and its youth for **50** years and we don't want to see that interrupted. In all likelihood, past government funding will not be restored, so we need your help now!

So, how can **YOU HELP?** Please:

- **Return the enclosed envelope with your tax-deductible donation** so we can continue the vision we all believe in so strongly that children achieve success in life.
- **JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST! September 21st @8am at Carroll College Campus Center.** We are celebrating the **1,000s** of kids we have helped over the past **50** years, as well as our business champions and partners, and our wonderful volunteer BIGS who make it all possible.
- **Please RSVP: 442-7479 or bbbs@bbbs-helena.org.**

Thank you on behalf of the children, volunteers, board, and staff of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Helena for your past and continued support,



Elena Johnson,
Community-Based Big of
the Year and State Winner



Mariah Cantwell-Frank,
School-Based Big of the
Year

Colleen K. Brady



MATCH ANNIVERSARIES



July

Lucien, Jeff and Diane, 3 years
Kayd and Jon, 2 years
Julianna and Ashley, 1 year
Cheyanne and Hannah, 1 year

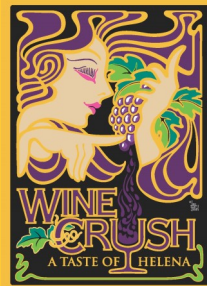
August

Amarissa and Jessie, 3 years
Olivia and Brittany, 2 years
Brian and Michael, 1 year
Cassandra and Mikaela, 1 year

September

Grace and Shelby, 3 years
Christian and Dale, 2 years
Isaiah and Tanner, 1 year

THANK YOU to all the sponsors, wineries, vendors, auction donors and attendees for another successful Annual Wine Crush and a Taste of Helena!



Our sincere sympathies go out to the friends and families of former Bigs and longtime supporters, Steve Frankino & Dave Parker. The deaths of these two gentlemen is a great loss to our community!



Our annual float trip on the Missouri River was another success this year. On July 15, 20 Bigs, Littles, and parents joined us and our guides from Adventures Unlimited for a float from Wolf Creek Bridge to Craig. The float trip is sponsored through our Outdoor Explorers Mentoring Program, a partnership between us, the Montana Discovery Foundation, and the U.S. Forest Service. Funding from this partnership allows our Bigs and Littles to experience outdoor adventures and service learning projects together. Other recent outdoor events include a wildflower hike on Mount Helena, guided bird watching, and a trip to Strawberry Lookout.

Shout out to past BBBS board member, Ryan O'Connell, for donating a kidney to a young woman from Helena!



A "Big" Thank you to the Helena Community Foundation for the generous \$500 Check!

A Match Story: Emily and Jessica



Big Sister Jessica and Little Sister Emily met over five years ago. Jessica felt that she had a little time to mentor a youth and Emily needed a friend. Their friendship came easily compared to many others because their expectations were simple. Recently, the match closed following Emily's graduation from high school. Their relationship, however, will continue beyond our program. A few years back, Jessica asked Emily and her aunt to attend her wedding. When meeting with these two to close out their match, this is only one of the great memories they shared. Jessica said that the match wasn't always easy. No relationship is. When asked what motivated her and Emily, Jessica said that they could always reschedule or pick a different activity. All enduring friendships form from the ability to communicate well and respect boundaries. Emily and Jessica were successful at both and we are grateful to have supported their match.

A Very Special THANK YOU to Our Dream Maker Sponsors!

