BIG News!
Spring 2018

A Message from Board Chair
Peter Strauss

How do you thank a community for saying, “Yes, what you do is important to us?” We called out to Helena and let the community know we were in danger of closing. Wow, did Helena respond in a BIG way! Although we are not out of the woods yet, YOU gave us some breathing room to plan and reimagine how best to serve OUR kids.

We will continue to provide services to kids who would benefit from having an adult mentor in their lives. In order to be successful, we still need the community’s input and support. So please, donate, volunteer, call and send letters and we will remain a vital member of our community serving children through one-to-one mentoring relationships.

Charity of Choice
Employees from PacificSource Health Plans selected Big Brothers Big Sisters as this year’s “Charity of Choice” winner. Presenting the check are Todd Lovshin, Tory Pescosolido, Todd Moore, Melita Hansen, Lisa Troyer, Jenny Wallace and Shawna Talles. Receiving the check are President Colleen Brady, Peter Strauss, and Little Brothers and Little Sisters from our program.

Supporters Who Recently Stepped up Their Donations:

Interested in learning more about BBBS or the first step to 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 and last about an hour. Call 442-7479 to sign up to attend our next orientation!

Please join us for the 16th Annual Wine Crush!
May 19th, 6-10 pm
Helena Civic Center
For tickets call 442-7479
or purchase online
bbbs-helena.org

Little Brother Isaiah
with Board Chair and
Big Brother Peter Strauss
**MATCH ANNIVERSARIES**

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**Bowl For Kids’ Sake was a HUGE success thanks to YOU!**

With over 75 teams, 350 bowlers, multiple Elvis sightings and more than a few wedding dresses we had one of our best years yet! Thanks to Sleeping Giant Lanes for hosting us and providing the cosmic fun for three days, and Pizza Hut, Harrington Pepsi, and Eagle Beverage. Our top fundraising teams with league bowlers were Allegra Marketing and SoFi. Thanks to Prickly Pear Land Trust, PEAK Physical Therapy, Capital City Optimists, First Interstate Bank, Battle of the Badge teams, Montana Radio, Benny’s, Parkview Dental, Apex Animal Hospital, Helena College, Stockman Bank, Sunrise Rotary, Bison Insurance, Bank of the Rockies, Gold Rush Lions, and Anderson ZurMuehlen for fielding teams. Thanks to all the other teams and individuals who raised money and bowled hard. This is truly a community effort and we hope you will be back next year for more crazy costumes and bowling fun!

Our Boulder Mentoring Program continues to provide essential services to children. Our Boulder Board ran a successful Bowl For Kids’ Sake and we are very thankful for their efforts. Special thanks to Maria Pace and the teachers, Elkhorn Pharmacy, Barb Reiter, Nita McCauley, Anika McCauley, Peg Hasner, Megan Graff, Bettie Schlueter, Bear Grass Suites, L & P Grocery, First Boulder Valley Bank, Boulder Monitor, Kiwanis Club, Boulder Chamber, Bank of the Rockies, NorthWestern Energy, Boulder Hot Springs, Shirley Vossler and Phil and Tim’s Bar and Bowl.

**A Match Story: Marci and Jennifer**

Big Sister Marci and Little Jennifer met two and a half years ago in our School-Based Program. They switched to the Community program after a year, and recently enjoyed skiing together at Great Divide. Marci loves many things about their match especially Jennifer’s great attitude, willingness to try new things, and contagious laugh. Jennifer loves to go swimming, create arts and crafts projects, and is really enjoying learning to ski. She appreciates Marci being there for her and all the different things she has done because she has a Big in her life. The two also enjoy movies, plays at Grandstreet Theatre, going to and helping at events with Big Brothers Big Sisters, and getting pedicures! Both Big and Little emphasized how being matched has enabled them to do things they would not do without the other. This photo shows them at our recent Bowl For Kids’ Sake in all their finery. These two say they will be sisters for life!

**A Few More Matches**

Outdoor Explorers went snow shoeing this March and were grateful the snow has lasted this long!

Big Sister Marci and Little Jennifer have been matched almost ten years. This photo was taken on Justin’s 18th birthday on Feb 15th. Justin will graduate from BBBS and high school this June and we look forward to following Justin’s success in life!

Big Dave & Sandi with Little Tyven and Santa at our annual Christmas party.

Big Darren and Little Logan at our annual Halloween party.