

BIG NEWS

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Helena

START SOMETHING BIG

In September BBBS-Helena kicked off our annual volunteer recruitment campaign with a City of Helena proclamation from Mayor Jim Smith. The month long recruitment drive featured a series of Big For a Day events, where waiting Littles go to spend the day shadowing an adult at the Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department, the National Guard, and local news stations. The campaign is designed to encourage community members to Start Some-



Amy Teagarden points out some of Helena's Landmarks to Duncan from the top of the Firetower in September.

thing Big by volunteering as a mentor. This year's campaign brought in more than 30 new volunteer Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Thanks for Starting Something Big here in Helena!

Upcoming Events

Waiting Little Carroll Game-
December 9th

Christmas Party -
December 12th

Fundraiser for BBBS at
Lewis and Clark Brewery-
December 13th

Bowl For Kids' Sake -
January 28th & 29th

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THANK YOU TO CHERRY CREEK RADIO

Have you heard our new recruitment ads on the radio? This fall we launched our "Start Something Big" radio campaign that featured our very own Littles urging the community to support BBBS by volunteering and donating. Cherry

Creek Radio, a Big supporter of BBBS, generously donated 100% of the advertising costs to help us spread the word. Thanks to their generous donation we are matching more children than ever before! Thanks Cherry Creek!



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As 2011 draws to an end I'd like to say thank you for the privilege of working with all of you, our Donors, Bigs, Littles, Little's families, and Staff – in fulfilling Big Brothers Big Sisters of Helena's mission of "Making a positive difference in the lives of children by providing professionally supported, enduring, mentoring relationships that provide guidance, promote self-esteem, and expand awareness of life's opportunities".

Every day I see the positive difference that Big Brothers Big Sisters makes in the lives of the children in our community. We empower children to realize their potential and build their futures. We nurture children and strengthen communities. And we couldn't make a difference without you. When you support BBBS-Helena by donating money,

time, and services you are making a lasting positive impact on the lives of children facing adversity in our community.

Today I invite you to consider making a sustaining gift to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Helena. Sustaining gifts ensure we are able to consistently provide support to all of the children in our programs and it is a simple way for you to make a lasting impact on a child's life. A sustaining gift of \$83.33 a month leads to the making and sustaining of a Match for one year. Of course, a sustaining gift in any amount leads to a greater impact on the lives of children and our community and we are grateful for your support at whatever level you choose. Using the monthly giving form enclosed is the easi-



Littles Duncan and Wil with the Executive Director, Marie Logan

est way to start your sustaining gift today or visit our website at www.bbbs-helena.org to make your secure on-line gift.

Once again, on behalf of all the children in our program, thank you for your continued support.



MATCH STORY

When Ashley moved to Helena three years ago, she knew she wanted to get involved in her new community. But she probably had no idea the impact she was going to make on the life of one young woman. Cheyenne comes from a loving and supportive family, but her mother was struggling to spend important quality time with her daughter. She turned to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Helena, which matched her with Ashley. Cheyenne and her Big Sister Ashley recently celebrated their third anniversary together by dressing up fancy and going out for a nice dinner at the Windbag. The two spend several hours together each week doing activities they both enjoy; shopping, cooking and watching movies. They also spend a lot of time talking. Agency staff have noticed a huge change in Cheyenne. Once very quiet and somewhat insecure, she's become a very poised, well-spoken young lady with much more confidence. Ashley has been a great and consistent influence on her little sister, who says she could not imagine the last three years without her.

**Thank You Flathead Travel for
Sponsoring This Match!**



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JOIN THE FUN AND CHANGE A LIFE!

Bowl for Kids' Sake Is Big Brothers Big Sisters of Helena's biggest campaign for Kids and with your help and participation 100 children will be matched to a Big Brother or Big Sister in 2012

Bowl For Kids' Sake is not for serious bowlers, nor is it just a party. It's a great way to help local kids while having some fun with friends. You can bowl with your business, church, school, or as a group of family and friends. Every time you secure a pledge you are helping kids who may live right down your street, on your block, or in your neighborhood.

Here's How You Can Help:

- Be a Team Captain, ask 4-5 people to help you help kids!
- Call the BBBS office at 406-442-7479 and get pledge sheets for you and your team
- Gather pledges from your friends, co-workers, family etc.
- Bring your pledge sheets with you to the bowling lanes the day you are scheduled to bowl.
- So Have Fun and Help Kids!



BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE
Start Something™
 for Kids in Your Community.

Contact us! 406-442-7479

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION 2011



Award Winners From Left- Mo, Amy Arianna, Steve, and Sean



Mo & Loren Oelkers with Jacob- Big Couple of the Year



Peter Strauss receiving Board Member of the Year Award

Every year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Helena holds a Volunteer Appreciation Party to thank our many volunteers for their countless hours of service to the children in our community. This year our Volunteer Appreciation Party was held at Carroll College. The award recipients were:



Friend of the Year- Melissa Lewis

- Community Based Big Sister- Amy Ophus**
- Community Based Big Brother- Steve Frankino**
- School Based Big Sister- Arianna McElrath**
- School Based Big Brother- Sean Murray**
- Big Couple- Mo & Loren Oelkers**
- Friend of the Year- Melissa Lewis**
- Business of the Year- Helena Motors**
- Board Member of the Year- Peter Strauss**

Thank you to all of our volunteers!!!

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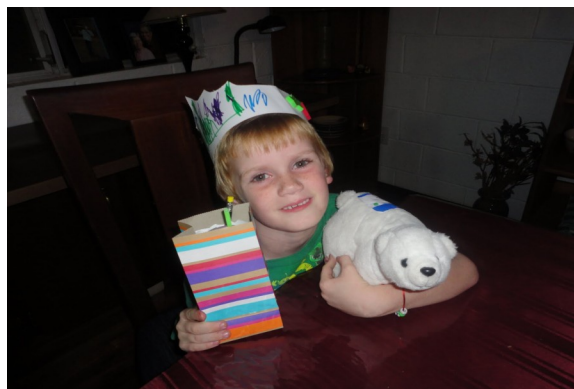


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READY TO BE MATCHED

Andrew is an eight-year-old brimming with energy and fun. For fun, Andrew builds with his Lincoln Logs and Legos, plays outside, goes skate boarding, and loves to build things. Recess and reading are at the top of his list for favorite activities at school.

Welcoming and friendly, Andrew and his mom are looking for a long term, patient Big Brother who will share in Andrew's enthusiasm and take him out to experience new things. Andrew is looking for a buddy to do guy stuff, like play games, skate board, learn to a ride bike, and play catch.



If you are interested in becoming a community mentor for a one-to-one relationship with Andrew or another child aged 6-14, please contact us at 442.7479 or email us at bbbs@bbbs-helena.org. For every child who is matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister, there is another child entering the program. We currently have 35 boys and 24 girls on our Waiting Littles List.

Please Call to Volunteer Today 406-442-7479