

2009 Donor Levels

It is the goal of Interagency Council's Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mohave County to accomplish successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them; contributing to better school environments, brighter futures, and stronger communities for all. It takes 5 components to accomplish this goal: volunteer mentor, parent/guardian, child, donors, and trained staff.

Friend (Under \$100)

Donations of all sizes help contribute to a brighter future for our youth. Begin with a small donation and learn more about our impact. A donation as small as \$25 will help pay for a volunteer background check to ensure child safety. That's a start in making a lasting friendship between an adult/teen and a child.

Community Partner (\$100-\$999)

Be a partner of Interagency Council's Big Brothers Big Sisters and be a part of something big. As a partner, your business/organization will reach over 1,000 people in the annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event during the 3 month campaign. Share your support of Big Brothers Big Sisters by displaying a Big Brothers Big Sisters sticker in your business/organization window.

Match Makers (\$1,000-\$5,000)

Invest your dollars by becoming match maker. As a match maker, you will be a vital part of the developing a positive friendship between a mentor and a child and changing the life of a child in Lake Havasu City. Along with a special certificate and recognition at Big Brothers Annual Dinner & Auction, you will receive periodic updates on our matches - so you can participate in the magic all year long! Donations can be split over the course of a calendar year.

Vision Makers (Over \$5,000)

Contribute to quality mentoring relationships and invest in the development of positive friendships shaping the future of the Lake Havasu City community. As a vision maker, your business/organization will support lifelong friendships between and adult and child in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Community Based Program. Your business/organization will be included in media advertisements for Big Brothers Big Sisters as well as listed on all print materials and the website as a local donor. Donations can be split over the course of a calendar year.

In-Kind Donations

At Big Brothers Big Sisters, we are always looking for in-kind as well as monetary donations. Examples of in-kind donations could range from office equipment, facility rental for events, tickets for our matches, items for event auctions, food or beverage for our events...the possibilities are endless! Call us to make your in-kind donation today!

Interagency Council's Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mohave County is a steward of donor dollars. The cost to make a match between and adult/teen mentor and a child and support match through the duration of the lifelong friendship is \$590, which is below the national average of \$1,000 per match. The goal for Big Brothers Big Sisters is to serve 220 youth in Lake Havasu City in 2009. This means increased community awareness which increases the cost per match. Your donation is 100% tax deductible and directly ensures the safety of all youth participating in Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programs. Mentoring is the missing link to successful lives for youth challenged with adversity. Change the way a child sees the world and interacts with it. Give the gift of opportunity!

Interagency Council's Big Brothers Big Sisters

The following programs are offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mohave County.

Community Based Program: In the community-based program, Big Brother and Big Sister volunteers, 21 years of age/older, provide children and youth – our “Littles” - individualized time and attention on a regular basis, typically 2 – 4 times a month, for two to three hours. During unstructured weekly or bi-weekly outings, filled with conversations and shared activities, they develop a relationship that helps youth manage the every day challenges that are part of “growing up.” During the time with their Big, children gain new skills, explore new interests and test behaviors that expand their experience base beyond their family or neighborhood.

Over the course of time, children gain confidence, acquire new skills and competencies, and develop an enhanced capacity to care for others – all tasks that are a part of developing healthy maturity. Volunteers experience a sense of discovery and enjoyment as they see the world of possibility open up through the child's eyes. An evaluation tool, The Program-based Outcome Evaluation Instrument (POE), demonstrates positive outcomes for children in the program.

Site-Based Programs: Volunteers offer children and youth individualized time and attention on a consistent basis, with the venue being the child's school, or another specific site, rather than a community activity. Teachers identify those children who can most benefit from an extra caring adult/teen in their lives. Volunteers and children meet each week, utilizing the resources available within the school: the library, the gym, a classroom, or the schoolyard.

Whether they play board games, or read the newspaper together, their relationship promotes a positive school experience for the child: good attendance, positive peer and adult relationships, a positive attitude, and academic enrichment. As their friendship evolves over time, volunteers and children discover ways to make school and learning fun. When matches continue from one school year to the next, volunteers experience the satisfaction of watching their Littles achieve success in school.

School Based (SB):

After School Buddy Program: A volunteer 15 years old or older meets a child once a week after school for one hour. The program continues through the school year. (Offered at all school in the Lake Havasu Unified School District & Telesis)

Lunch Buddy Program: An adult volunteer 18 years or older meets a child at the school site during the child's lunch period to have lunch and talk. The volunteer may accompany the child during recess if the two are comfortable with this idea. This will occur once a week for 30-45 minutes. The program continues through the school year. (This program will be implemented in the 2008-2009 school year).

If you have questions, or would like to in one of the above programs, please call the Big Brothers Big Sisters office at (928) 453-5800 ext. 225

Big Brothers Big Sisters staff screen volunteers and youth for eligibility and to ensure the safety of all minors participating in the program. Once enrolled, staff pair an adult/teen with a child based on compatibility to ensure the development of a positive friendship. Staff continues to support the blossoming relationship through the duration of the relationship ensuring positive outcomes.

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