



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big News



Dear Supporters

By Melissa Underwood, Program Director

This has been an exciting quarter! From July-September 2010, we received 113 volunteer inquiries compared to the mere 52 in same time last year. Yes, definitely exciting! Staff has been working diligently to complete the enrollment process for these volunteers. In addition, we are now providing match meetings in 8 schools for our growing After School Buddy Program with our teen mentors.

Other exciting news includes our Facebook Page. This is a great opportunity for you to follow all of our news as it happens! Look us up under Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mohave County. Our goal is to reach 1,000 "Likes" by June 30th. Help us reach our goal by visiting today!

Also, we are gearing up for our Bowl For Kids' Sake event weekend on April 15-17, 2011. We are looking for committee members to be a part of our team. If you enjoy event planning and have as little as 5 hours over 3 months to spend assisting in the planning process, we want to hear from you!

High School Bigs Club Happenings

The High School Bigs Club had a great first meeting in August with 34 members attending. The club members have participated in the Walk Away from Drugs, Havasu 95 Speedway Banquet, which they donated \$100 to the High School Bigs Club, and the Havasu Air Show, which the members sold 50/50 tickets. They raised a total of \$220 for the month of September. Thank you to Mrs. Binko for being our sponsor for the club this year. She has been wonderful with helping the members and talking to potential volunteers. In October, the High School Bigs Club will be having a float at the London Bridge Days Parade and they will be hosting 3 booths at that Fall Fun Fair.

Third Quarter 2010

Highlights:

- Sherie and Brooke (Feature Match)
- Volunteer Inquiries on the Rise
- New Advisory Board Members

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Advisory Board News

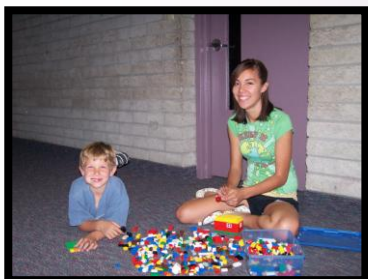
Big Brothers Big Sisters has an Advisory Board whose function is to assist in the continued sustainability of Interagency Council's Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mohave County programs in the areas of resource development and community outreach. This quarter we have the pleasure of welcoming three new members: Deacon Richard L. Collins, Lyndie Patterson and Jennifer Elias.

Deacon Richard L. Collins has recently taken the role of Advisory Board President. He has expressed an interest and enthusiasm in expanding awareness in Mohave County of the opportunities available to assist the youth in our communities. To understand his motivation, one must know his compassion for all community members, love for God's people and his deep commitment to the community and our youth.

Deacon Rich was commissioned into ministry in 2005 and has been active in local churches since. He is currently filling a vacancy with Grace Lutheran Church in Needles, CA, but resides with his wife and 4 children in Lake Havasu City. He has two grown daughters that are married and has 4 grandchildren. He is the Chairperson of the Parents Who Care (PWC) Committee at Telesis Preparatory Academy. He has been a duty chaplain at Havasu Regional Medical Center for several years and has served as the local chapter president of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Before this, he was the Youth Director, head elder and Board of Education Chairman at Lamb of God Church (LCMS).

His friendly humor combined with his passion to serve the community will be a valuable contribution to the Advisory Board and the Big Brothers Big Sisters programs.

Stay tuned for our new board member bios in the next quarter. The Advisory Board is continually searching for individuals across the county who has a commitment to the youth of our community and has an interest in helping Big Brothers Big Sisters provide opportunity for our local youth. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Melissa Underwood at (928) 453-5800 ext. 242.



"He [Big Brother] taught me how to be myself."



Fundraising News!

[Bowl For Kids' Sake 2011](#)

Bowl For Kids' Sake 2011 will be another weekend affair beginning April 15, 2011 with Rock 'n Bowl and finishing up with a tournament on April 17, 2011. We are **searching for individuals interested in being a part of the team that puts together the most exciting fundraising event for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Contact Melissa Underwood at (928) 453-5800 ext. 242.**

[The Island Golf Club and Don's Auto Body Summer Golf League](#)

Don's Auto Body and The Island Golf Club wrapped up the Summer Golf League Raising \$1,500 for Big Brothers Big Sisters programs in Lake Havasu City!

[Digg Advertising Summer VIP Voucher Card Fundraiser](#)

Matthew Heller of Digg Advertising provided the opportunity to raise \$1,800 for Big Brothers Big Sisters programs in Lake Havasu City. Voucher cards are still available for purchase.

[Upcoming Fundraiser: Rummage Sale](#)

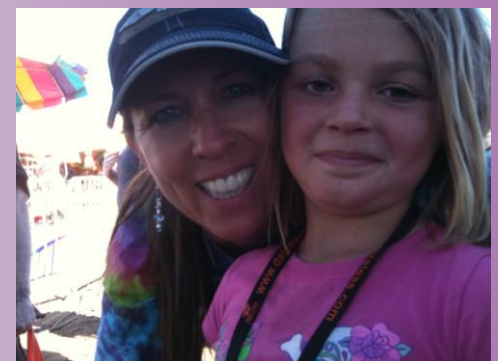
We will have our Rummage Sale in January 2011. If you have items you no longer want, donate them to Big Brothers Big Sisters for our Rummage Sale. More details to come.

[Feature Match Story: Sherie & Brooke](#)

Sherie and Brooke were matched in Kingman in March of 2010. They, immediately, started a "Bucket List" of things they would like to do together. Since that time, they have completed their first list and are putting together their second one. Together they have flown kites, baked cookies, gone rollerblading, attended the Mohave County Fair, enjoyed manicures and pedicures, gone to the movies and played with Sporty the desert tortoise. Brooke and Sherie admit they also love to eat ice cream and laugh together! Sherie has instilled the importance of being self-sustaining by working together in Sherie's garden. Sherie and Brooke also perform community service work together by helping special needs neighbors clean up their lawns. Brooke says the highlight of their time together was when Sherie picked up Brooke for "park hopping" on her Harley Davidson motorcycle. They have now graduated to a pull along bicycle built for 2.



Chad Underwood (Don's Auto Body) present Rich L. Collins, BBBS, and Xeres, Little Brother with a \$1500 check.



Left to Right:
Sherie and Brooke



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Calling **ALL** Volunteers!

Big Brothers Big Sisters staff recruit, enroll, train, and support our matches with the help of our community donors. However, it is with the help of our community volunteers that youth receive the one-to-one attention they need. Most volunteers only think of becoming a mentor when they think of volunteering with Big Brothers Big Sisters. But, this isn't the case. There are many other ways to volunteer and support the efforts of Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programs. Staff and donors alone cannot provide the quality of work provided by our mentoring programs. If you're in the market to volunteer, please consider volunteering with Interagency Council's Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Be a Big!

Be a Big Brother or Big Sister.

Mentoring is the single most effective way to have a positive impact on the life of a child at risk. The difference you make will be the difference that matters. If you are at least age 15 or a freshman in high school, please take the first step and give us a call TODAY!

Be an Advisory Board Member

The Advisory Board's function and purpose is to raise funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters programs and spread the word about the organization in an effort to recruit youth and volunteers as well as establish community partners. If you enjoy talking to people and being an ambassador and would like to advocate for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mohave County, please call TODAY!

Business Partnership

Help us recruit "Bigs" at your place of business! As our point person, you will help us set up presentations at your place of business to recruit employees that want to be "Bigs."

Event Volunteers

Becoming an event volunteer is a great way to get involved and learn more about Big Brothers Big Sisters! If you'd like to get involved, email us or call us. Visit our website at www.mohavebbbs.org to find information on several of our event opportunities.

Thank you to this quarter's supporting partners!

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