



# Big Brothers Big Sisters

# Big News



## Dear Supporters

*By Melissa Underwood, Program Director*

This quarter, we have seen a 34% growth in matches served compared to the same time last year. The ability to create and support these mentoring relationships is possible because of our supporters. They come in all varieties from our committed volunteer mentors and committee members to our avid donating partners. Our loyal supporters help Big Brothers Big Sisters flourish and evolve our services to local youth. Most importantly, they help us build relationships that transform the lives of children and families in our community.

Thank you to all of our partners who participated in this quarter's events and a special Thank You to our High School Big Club members for demonstrating outstanding leadership in our community.

## Lake Havasu High School Bigs Club

*By Chyna Wilson, High School Bigs Club Secretary*

The High School Bigs Club, better known as the "Bigs Club," had a great start to the school year. The first meeting had around thirty members eager to discover the magic about the unique club. In the Bigs Club, "bigs" from School-Based matches get to share about their "little" and participate in community events on behalf of the club and the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Recently, the club was at Havasu 95 Speedway taking donations. In all, about \$300 was donated. In addition, the club took part in the London Bridge Days Parade and Fall Fun Fair on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming activities for the club consist of a Car Wash on Veteran's Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the CVS parking lot. The club is preparing for the excitement in January 2010 for National Mentoring Month. So stay tuned for upcoming activities!

Third Quarter 2009

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## Where You Can Catch Us

Kingman Child and Volunteer Enrollment  
 November 17, 2009 & December 15, 2009  
 Call (928) 453-5800 for an Appointment  
 We have begun serving the Kingman area by conducting orientations and interviews in the Kingman area every third Wednesday of the month by appointment only.

Bullhead City Area Child and Volunteer Enrollment  
 November 19, 2009 and December 17, 2009  
 Call (928) 453-5800 for an Appointment  
 We have begun serving the Bullhead City area by conducting orientations and interviews in Bullhead every third Thursday of the month by appointment only.

### *Thank you to this quarter's supporting partners!*

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| Don's Auto Body                 | Goldstar Engraving            |
| Bennett & Company               | Max Machine Works             |
| Parker Oil                      | Coach-Net                     |
| NAPA Auto Parts                 | Mohave State Bank             |
| Sue's Beauty Nook               | Edgewater Aviation LLC dba    |
| KC Auto Paint                   | BiPlane Rides @ Havasu        |
| Five Star Custom Homes, Inc     | Desert Kreations              |
| Town & Country Property         | HPM Machine                   |
| Inspections                     | Bud Light                     |
| Bradley Ford                    | Servpro                       |
| Desert Sky Homes                | Car Quest                     |
| Madd T'z                        | Printing Plus                 |
| Lakeland Marine                 | Copper Canyon Nissan          |
| TCS                             | Wal-Mart                      |
| Desert Martini                  | Big O Tires                   |
| Smith-Tryon Family Health, Inc. | Jakes Bar & Grill             |
| Insurance                       | Crystal Alger-American Family |
| Lakeside Orthopedic             | Havasu 95 Speedway            |



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

In today's economic climate, we are reliant even more on the generosity of our donors. There isn't a donation too small. Please consider investing in your community's youth by investing in Interagency Council's Big Brothers Big Sisters. 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. Visit our website at [www.mohavebbbs.org](http://www.mohavebbbs.org) to see how you can become a *Partner* of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mohave County.



## Fundraising News!

### *Bashas' Shop and Give Program*

You can make a contribution to Interagency Council's Big Brothers Big Sisters by using your Bashas' Thank You Card. All you need to do is **link your Bashas' Thank You Card to our Group ID # 24652** by going to the Bashas' website. You only have to do this one time and Bashas' Shop & Give Fundraising Program will donate 1% of every grocery purchase you make using your Thank You Card to Interagency Council's Big Brothers Big Sisters programs, which means no out of pocket cost to you and you still support your local Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Link Online:

Step 1: Go to [www.bashashopandgive.com](http://www.bashashopandgive.com)

Step 2: Click the "Click Here" in the Consumer Registration section

Step 3: Enter your card number as shown in picture

Step 4: Provide your contact information

Step 5: Type in "24652" in the *Group ID* prompt and submit

Step 6: Confirm your charity as Big Brothers Big Sister of Mohave County

Step 7: Shop at Bashas' or Food City with your card!  
OR

Call the Interagency Council at 453-5800 and we will link it for you over the phone!

**Bowl For Kids' Sake 2010 scheduled for April 10, 2010!** We will be signing up bowlers and teams. This year...you don't need to have a team to bowl. We will find a team for you! Stay tuned to our website for updated information:  
[www.mohavebbbs.org](http://www.mohavebbbs.org)

If you or someone you would like to be on the Bowl For Kids' Sake Committee, please contact our office at (928) 453-5800.



Big Brother Ken & Little Brother Skyler on a fishing trip.



Mikayla caught a fish on a trip with her Big Sister, Gloria



## Fundraising Recap

In the last quarter we had two successful fundraising events.

### *Don's Auto Body Summer Golf Tournament*

The summer heat did not stop 62 golfers from coming out in support of Interagency Council's Big Brothers Big Sisters programs on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Don's Auto Body organized and hosted the Summer Golf Tournament to support Interagency's Big Brothers Big Sisters in Lake Havasu City. The two-man scramble tournament also marked the celebration of the end of the Summer Construction League at Havasu Island Golf Course which was organized jointly by Rob Regnier, General Manager of Havasu Island Golf Course, and Chad Underwood, Don's Auto Body General Manager. In addition to \$1,200 raised in the Construction League, the Don's Auto Body Golf Tournament raised \$2,892 leading up to the grand total of \$4,092 raised in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programs.

"The golfers and hole sponsors were so generous and supportive of Big Brothers Big Sisters. I was surprised and certainly thankful when each of the 7 placing teams donated their winnings back to the program. I was especially touched when Tom Goodell from Mad Tz donated his 50/50 winnings of \$293 back to the organization after already contributing \$200 in sponsorships. The enthusiasm for the cause was flowing and that is what makes the event successful," said Big Brothers Big Sisters Program Director Melissa Underwood.

### *Sunset Cruise aboard the Dixie Bell*

A group of Big Brothers Big Sisters supporters joined Big Brothers and Sisters on a Sunset Cruise in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters programs on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The event was a success as everyone enjoyed the view of the city and sunset aboard the city's Dixie Bell, an activity rarely indulged by many Lake Havasu natives. The two hour tour raised \$1,480 for Interagency Council's Big Brothers Big Sisters programs. Thank you to all participants and donors!

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"If I ever need to talk to someone, I know I can talk to her [Big Sister]."

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"By being beside me the whole time..."

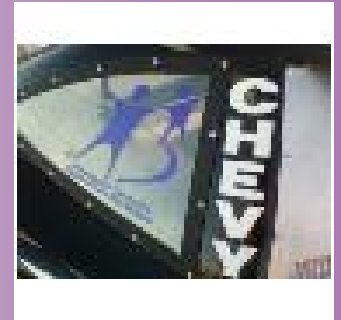


## Our Racing Mentors

This school year we have not one but three mentors that have the racing fever. Shelby Orozco, Bailey O'Neill and Dakota Steffen all race at Havasu 95 Speedway.

Havasu 95 Speedway is a family operated raceway. Bill Rozhon and his step brother Bob Pesek own and manage Havasu 95 Speedway where you will find Shelby, Bailey and Dakota on the track. Bill Rozhon use to race cars in the 70s and 80s but quit shortly after his back injury. His continued passion for racing led him to Oil I-10 Speedway in Blythe where he helped his friend run the speedway. When he retired in 2003, he pursued his passion once again as he prepared to re-open Havasu 95 Speedway and organized the first race in September 2006. His granddaughter, Shelby Orozco, Big Sister and High School Bigs Club President, began racing in the Bandoleros class and raced this class for 3 years. This year, 2009, is her first year racing a full sized car, a Late Model. Joining Shelby in the 2009 race circuit are two other Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors, "Bigs," Bailey O'Neill and Dakota Steffen.

Check out the Havasu 95 Speedway to find out when you can catch these leaders on the track. [www.havasu95speedway.com](http://www.havasu95speedway.com)



Shelby Orozco's  
Car Logo



Bailey O'Neill with  
Little Sister Emily

## Volunteers Needed!

Be a Mentor  
Be part of an event Committee

We are looking for volunteers for  
National Mentoring Month Activities in January and  
Bowl For Kids' Sake in April 2010

We are always looking for individuals for our  
Advisory Board.

Call us at (928) 453-5800 to get involved!

"I have two things  
I've never had  
before: a better  
role model, then,  
best of all, a true  
friend."



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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](http://www.mohavebbbs.org) to find information on several of our event opportunities.