



Online Newsletter

Summer Quarterly 2009

Upcoming Group Activity



September ~ Annual Agency Picnic September 3rd from 6-8 pm

Our annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Agency Potluck Picnic will be at Lawrence Park again this year. Hamburgers & Hotdogs are provided. We would love to see all our matches, Board Members, and supporters come join us for an evening of fun!

Asset

Building

Asset Building is a powerful way to help your little succeed in life. There are 40 Developmental Assets that give young people the strength they need to make positive choices in life even when they face stress & pressure. You are already helping to build assets in your child's/Little's life.

Asset of the Month

Positive Values:

Remember that mistakes are a part of living and growing.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

WB Miriam	01
BB Tom	03
BB Scott	11
BS Barbara	13
LS Jewell	15
BS Laura	18
WL Zephrey	21
LS Elizabeth	25
BB Sean	26
LB Brendan	28
WB Mike	31

“The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Flathead County is to build caring relationships between children, volunteers and families to enrich their lives and their communities”

Where do we get our funding?

47% from Fundraisers like Bowl for Kids' Sake and the annual Dinner & Auction

23% from Individual Donations

15% from the United Way

10% from Grants

5% from Foundations

We need your help to be able to serve more kids in the Flathead

Thank You Ticket Buyers & Donors!
Congratulations to Dennis Simac who won the car at "The Drive" for Youth Mentoring Reverse Car Raffle!

The event was a huge success!

Thank you to the many local business & individuals who generously donated auction items, prizes and bought tickets for this fun event!

The amazing support from *Fazooli's, Max Media, Tamarack Brewing, Kalispell Toyota* and 400 guests helped to raise \$30,000 (after expenses) to support mentoring children in our community...

A Special **Thank You** to those who helped out at our 31st annual Sailing event...

Thank you captains:

Jean Triol (event coordinator)

Sandy Vermillion (event coordinator)

Jim Kelley, JD & Luanne Metcalf, Dick Graf, Norm Art, Janelle Gentry, Tim Rogge, Doug Good, Phil Healey, Ron Robinson & Steve Vermillion

Thank you to the Kiwanis members who grilled hotdogs, and made this event so much fun for all our matches!!!

Thank you to Marina Cay of Bigfork!

During the week of July 27th - August 1st, Marina Cay's general store, "Dock at the Bay" donated 10% of their profits to Big Brothers Big Sisters!

We truly appreciate their generosity!

!! Back to school supplies !!

As part of the 2009 back-to-school season, Staples is partnering with DoSomething.org, a not-for-profit organization focused on empowering teens to convert their energy and ideas into positive action. Staples is kick-starting the campaign by donating \$50,000 in school supplies! They in turn are partnering with local not-for-profit agencies to help distribute the school supplies, and have generously approached Big Brothers Big Sisters to help with this distribution... You can help! ~ Drop off new school supplies or make a donation at our local Staples store and they will ship it to BBBSFC to distribute out to children in our community in need of those school supplies...

JULY ANNIVERSARYS

6 years

BS Dru & LS Baylee

5 years

BB Scott & LB Brendan

1 year

BB JD & LB Samuel

BB John & LB Malik

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

WL Janessa	13
BS Patricia	14
BS Sarah	20
LS Devina	25

!! 2 Tickets Available !!

Flathead County Sheriffs
Association

Proudly Presents:

Rob Quist & White Hawk

Saturday, September 19th 2009
7:00 pm

Flathead County Fairgrounds
Expo Center

Call the office if you are
interested

Only 2 tickets available.

Congratulations!!!

Brian & staff member Kristin
welcomed their second child,
Asha Renae Gregoire
July 15th!

We wish them all the best!

THANK YOU to the recent Donors!

- DA Davidson
- Flathead Rotary
Foundation
- Microsoft
- Rent A Center
- Windermere Foundation
- Whitefish Agents &
Brokers

In Addition: **THANK YOU** to
all our individual donors!!!

Scholarship Money Still Available...

We have grant funds available for
children in our program to use. Some
ways we can help...

Camps, Swim Lessons, Dance
Lessons, School Supplies, Sporting
Equipment, Karate Lessons, Sports
Activities, Winter Clothing, Music
Lessons

Or any other interest your child may
have.

Program Outcome Evaluation (POE) results for 08/09

Volunteers reported that children involved in
Community Based Mentoring showed
improvement in the following areas:

- 92% have improved in ability to express
feelings
- 76% showed improvement in hygiene
- 77% have improved in their ability to
trust
- 64% improved their relationship with
adults
- 78% showed improved self confidence

Parents reported that children involved in
Community Based Mentoring showed
improvement in the following areas:

- 95% have improved in Self-confidence
- 91% better express their feelings
- 91% have improved in their interest &
hobbies
- 80% show improvement in their attitude
toward school
- 67% have improved in their ability to
trust

Teachers reported that children involved in
School Based Mentoring showed improvement
in the following areas:

- 73% show improvement in interests &
hobbies
- 71% show improvement in use of school
resources
- 79% show an increased attitude toward
school
- 64% show improvement in class
participation
- 70% show improvement in their decision
making ability

Looking for fun, low cost ideas to do as a match this summer?

Check out these ideas...

- ❖ Kalispell farmers market every Saturday
mornings 9am-12:30pm and Tuesday
evenings 4:30-6pm in the Kalispell center
mall parking lot.
- ❖ Whitefish farmers market every Tuesday
evening in downtown Whitefish starting
at 5pm.
- ❖ Picnic in the park every Tuesday evening
starting at 7pm and Wednesday afternoon
from 11:30am-1pm in Depot Park - Kal.
- ❖ Bigfork farmers market every Wednesday
evening starting at 4pm at the Bigfork
High School parking lot.
- ❖ Thursday Fest is every Thursday evening
starting at 5pm in downtown Kalispell,
between 3rd Street E & 3rd Street W
from Main Street to 1st Avenue.
- ❖ Story Time at the Whitefish Library
every Thursday afternoon starting at
1pm.
- ❖ Thursday Art Walk the first Thursday of
every month through October starting at
6pm in downtown Whitefish.

For more ideas check out

www.flatheadevents.net

Welcome Back Pam!

Pam Haglund has returned to Big Brothers Big
Sisters temporarily as our interim Director.
We are lucky to have her help in our time of
transition!

Big Brothers Big Sisters is in need of
Board Members to represent Columbia
Falls, Whitefish & Bigfork. If you, or
someone you know might be interested
please call 752-0092 for more
information or to request an application.