



Online Newsletter

Winter Quarterly 2010

Welcome Kim!!!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Flathead County recently hired Kim Krueger to serve as the agency's new Match Specialist. Kim comes to us from Missoula, MT where she was the Tour Department Director/Manager for the Missoula Children's Theatre. Throughout the years, Kim has had a variety of experiences working with children and in management. She recently married her husband Joe in July and has three step children, Robbie, Jordan and Natalie.

"I'm thrilled to be a part of such a great organization and look forward to creating and supporting strong mentoring relationships between the youth and dedicated volunteers of Flathead County to benefit not only the youth, but the community as a whole."

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

Empowerment:

Give young people appropriate and important responsibilities.

Brag...

Little Sister Shawna played a

"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 to the following recent business Donors!

- ❖ Cadeau Foundation
- ❖ Ila B. Dousman Fund
- ❖ Risen Christ Catholic Church
- ❖ Church Women United
- ❖ Walmart

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.

"The Drive" for Youth

Welcome Tim Sievers our new Executive Director...

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Flathead County recently hired Tim Sievers to serve as the agency's new Executive Director. Tim comes to us from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saginaw Bay Area in Michigan, where he served as Fund Development Director. Tim also has experience in public relations working for the Michigan House of Representatives and Senate. Tim has been married to his wife Tracy Lee for 8 years and they have two daughters - Ainsley and Arabella.

"I'm really excited to be here in the Valley and I look forward to working alongside our dedicated staff, board and volunteers to strengthen the program and bring our life-changing mentoring programs to the youth of our community who so desperately need a positive, caring and consistent adult in their lives."

Join us in giving Tim and his family a warm welcome next time you stop by the office or at the upcoming Spring Fundraiser "The Drive"

Upcoming Group Activities...

March ~ Roller Skating, Saturday March 20th
When? 1 - 4 p.m.
Where? The Boys & Girls Club of Glacier County Roller Rink
155 Shady Lane Drive - Kalispell
The cost for skating is \$5 per match

April ~ Swim Night at the Summit, Thursday April 22nd
When? 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Where? Summit Health Club
205 Sunnyview Lane - Kalispell

If the Big is a member, the Little is free!
Otherwise, it's \$3.50 for the Match!
Bring a swim suit, towel and dry clothes for after swimming...

!!! Please RSVP to Kim at 752-0092 for all Group Activities !!!

clarinet solo in "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" in her first ever concert performance! Big Sister Sue says "She was wonderful!"
Great Job Shawna!!!

BIRTHDAYS...

BS Allison	02/01
LB Skyler	02/01
LS Cassandra	02/14
LS Arayah	03/03
BS Robin	03/07
LS Elizabeth	03/15
LS Shawna	03/17
WL Austin	03/18
BS Dru	03/18
LB Samuel	03/25
WB Brooke	03/31
LB Tausten	03/31
LB Drew	04/06
BS Linda	04/08
BS Sheri	04/12
BS Carol	04/25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Anniversaries...

- 10 years**
 BS Katherine & LS Rachel - March
- 5 years**
 BC Tom & Sue & LB Drew - February
- 4 years**
 BS Jodi & LS Brittany - February
 BS Lindsay & LS Arayah - April
 BB Jason & LB Uriah - April
- 3 years**
 BS Sarah & LS Kaitlyn - April
- 2 years**
 BS Robin & LS Chance - February
- 1 year**
 BB Chris & LB Connor - March
 BS Amy & LS Devina - March
 BS Sheri & LS Delani - March

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mentoring...

Date: Saturday, May 8th at 4 p.m.
 Fazooli's ~ Somers, MT
Tickets are \$200 for Two Guests

Early Bird: Tickets purchased before April 8th have a chance to win "Swift Current Lake" a Mark Ogle print

Call 752-0092 to reserve your tickets.

Thank you to our Sponsors!!!



What do I get for buying a ticket???

- ❖ The chance to win a brand new 2010 Hyundai Tucson! (Last ticket drawn wins the car!)
- ❖ 1st ticket and every 25th ticket drawn will win a prize!
- ❖ Dinner and drinks at the fabulous Fazooli's!
- ❖ The last 15 ticket holders may get a chance to sell their ticket if they choose...

Our latest stats are in!

In 2009 Parents reported:

- 88% improvement in their child's self - confidence.
- 83% improvement in expressing feelings.
- 87% have more interests and hobbies.

Teachers reported:

- 79% of students showed an improved attitude towards school.
- 84% improvement in self - confidence.
- 71% greater classroom participation.

Volunteers reported:

- 71% improved in decision making ability.
- 84% show an improved trust in others.
- 69% have a better sense of the future.

Thank you for supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters and our children as they grow.

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.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Flathead County celebrates the 6th anniversary of our Endowment at "The Drive" in 2010.

Thanks to the generosity of local artist Mark Ogle, the first 500 endowment donors who contribute \$1,000 or more will receive a giclee reproduction of "Glacier," signed and numbered for collectors. The first 23 prints already are hanging in homes and businesses around the Valley. A gift to the Endowment will support BBBS mentoring for generations to come!