



Online Newsletter

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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

Support: Invite caring, responsible adults to be part of your children's lives.

Braggs...

BS Sara was the winner of the Lone Pine State Park "Name the Trails Contest"! Sara's winning entry is "Raptors Rest" - be sure to look for that trail when hiking Lone Pine this summer...

LS Tamara was asked to play on the school basketball team!!!

LS Brittnay is playing basketball on a traveling team!!!

Great Job!

"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 Donors!

- ❖ Arby's Foundation
- ❖ Cadeau Foundation
- ❖ Church Women United
- ❖ Cold Stone
- ❖ Flathead Community Foundation
- ❖ Flathead Rotary Foundation
- ❖ Ila B. Dousman Fund
- ❖ Risen Christ Catholic Church
- ❖ 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.

Thank you Cold Stone Creamery!
Cold Stone Creamery invited our matches

Upcoming Group Activities...

April ~ Art Project Party with snacks!
Date, place and time to be announced



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

Our latest stats are in!

In 2010 Parents reported:

- 95% improvement in their child's self - confidence.
- 90% improvement in expressing feelings.
- 95% have more interests and hobbies.
- 95% improved in decision making ability.
- 86% improved in academic performance.
- 82% improved in their attitude toward school.

Volunteers reported:

- 95% improved in their relationships with adults.
- 95% show an improved trust in others.
- 76% improved in their relationships with peers.
- 67% have a better sense of the future.

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

Birthdays

LB Skyler	02/01
WL Arayah	03/03
BS Robin	03/07
LS Elizabeth	03/15
WL Austin	03/18
BS Dru	03/18
WL Samuel	03/25
LB Drew	04/06
BS Linda	04/08
BS Carol	04/25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Anniversaries...

6 years

BC Tom & Sue & LB Drew -
February

5 years

BS Jodi & LS Brittany -
February

4 years

BS Sarah & LS Kaitlyn - April

3 years

BS Robin & LS Chance -
February

2 years

BS Amy & LS Devina - March

CONGRATULATIONS!

Welcome New Matches

BB Doug & LB Matthew
BB Dustin & LB Jared
BB Tim & LB Sabastian
BS Jessica & LS Brianna
BS Suzanne & LS Nicoma

to have a Pizza and Ice Cream Cake party at the end of November. They video taped the night and sent it in to their corporate contest for the most fun video. The video was chosen as one of the runner ups, and Big Brothers Big Sisters will receive \$1,000! It was a really fun night! A *BIG Thank You* to the Cold Stone crew!!!



Thank you Wal-Mart Angel Tree

Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to the Wal-Mart Elves - the patrons of the store who believe in celebrating the Holiday season by giving so generously to children in our community!

Wal-Mart customers, employees and management worked together to make a joyous Christmas for many children. Thank you for helping light up a child's face! There is no greater gift!
Thank you!!!

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 7th anniversary of our Endowment at "The Drive" in 2011.

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!

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