



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon

Spring Newsletter

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March 2018

Bowl For Kids' Sake!

Lace up those bowling shoes and have fun at the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon 19th annual Bowl for Kids' Sake on April 27th from 4:00 -7:00pm at Sun Mountain Fun Center! All you have to do is form a team of 4-6 bowlers and raise a minimum of \$350 per team in order to enjoy three hours of free bowling, free pizza, free soda & beer, a free t-shirt and lots of great raffle prizes. The team who raises the most money will win a fantastic grand prize! We have received \$300 in donations to help sponsor the Bigs & Littles team, so if you and your Little would like to participate, let us know! To sign up a team, become a sponsor, or for more information, contact the Bend BBBS office: 312-6047 or go to www.bbbsco.org.



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Bigs Needed in La Pine!!!

There are currently seven young ladies in La Pine waiting for mentors! If you are able or know someone in the La Pine/Sunriver area who wants to make a BIG difference in the life of a child, please contact our office at 541.312.6047 or www.bbbsco.org

Site-Based Match Activity



In January, several matches from our Redmond Site-Based Program, led by our Site-Based Coordinator, Rosie Laurie came together to enjoy some ice skating at the Redmond ice rink. In this program, students from Redmond Proficiency Academy and Ridgeview High School mentor students at local elementary schools during the school day. This is a wonderful way for high school students to shine and feel empowered, while the little ones have a chance to connect with teenagers in a positive and uplifting way. We currently have over one hundred Site-Based matches in Redmond and would love to expand the program in the future!



Mentoring Tip: *Listen to your Little! Children are often not listened to enough. Be that person who is completely focused on what your Little has to say. Being heard will help a child feel more confident and valued!*



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Two Cruiser Bikes Available



A generous community member donated these two cruiser bikes to our program! They will be best used for older Littles, as they are adult sized bikes. If your Little needs a bike to cruise around

Central Oregon with you, please call our office. First come first serve! 541.312.6047



LGTBQ Mentoring Program is Here!



Thanks to a generous grant from the St. Charles Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon is now offering a mentorship program focused on matching LGBT+ youth with LGBT+ or ally mentors.

LGBT+ youth are at increased risk for bullying, suicide, and other problems. Having a supportive mentor may make a positive impact in their lives.

If you have a child who could benefit from this program or if you are interested in being a mentor, please contact us at 541.312.6047 or visit www.bbbsco.org

**A BIG thank you to the Bend Elks Club for
their \$1,000 donation to
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon!**





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Does Your Business Want to Partner with BBBSCO?

Becoming a partner with Big Brothers Big Sisters is a strategic opportunity for your company to strengthen and build both your internal strength and your profile with the community. By encouraging employees to join our **Site-Based + Program**, your business will contribute to the development of workers of the future. This program is geared towards professionals who are able to spend one hour a week with a Little in the Little's school, while having the option to spend more time with a Little out in the community doing activities both enjoy.

In addition to making a positive difference in the lives of children and youth, research has demonstrated the benefits of mentoring to businesses and corporations that encourage their employees to volunteer.

A survey of 2500 corporate executives by The Conference Board and the Points of Light foundation found:

- More than **70%** agreed corporate volunteer programs increased employee productivity.
- More than **80%** agreed these programs improved employee retention.
- More than **80%** agreed these programs improved morale.
- More than **90%** agreed these programs build teamwork skills.

Plus, by partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters:

- ☛ The company's name is linked with a nationally recognized youth organization that has been serving children for over 100 years.
- ☛ Employees develop new interpersonal skills which effect communication, teamwork, and cross-functional relationships.
- ☛ The company helps prevent delinquency, school-drop outs, and other self-destructive behavior among the children served.
- ☛ Employee Bigs can experience higher morale and renewed enthusiasm.

If your company would like to invite a representative from BBBSCO to come speak to your employees about partnering with BBBSCO, please contact Bridget Albert at 541-312-6047 or balbert@bbbsco.org.

Match Activities

The following match activities have been scheduled for Bigs & Littles to enjoy together!

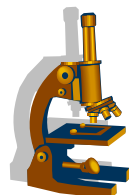
Please contact Jenna McCann for specific details and to R.S.V.P. (jrands@bbbsco.org)



March 28: Radio Station Tour

April 10: BBBSCO Science Night

May 6: Diane's Riding Place





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Match Anniversaries!

March

Matched for 8 Years

Matt & Cole

Matched for 6 Years

Andrew & Payton

Matched for 4 Years

Frances & Devin

Matched for 3 Years

Catherine & Annah

Jeffrey & Francisco

Matched for 2 Years

Aimee & Marley

Carrie & Nadiya

Matched for 1 Year

Michelle & Jaslene

Diana & Zuleyma

Cindy & Bayley

Jacqueline & Aseret



**Congratulations to Matt & Cole
for 8 years of friendship!!!**

April

Matched for 3 Years

Phyllis & Rini

Matched for 2 Years

Cameron & Zacharia

Mary Jo & Deven

Matched for 1 Year

Rebecca & Penelope



**Happy 3 year anniversary
Phyllis & Rini!**



Matched for 5 Years

Amanda & Maria

Jacque & Aliviah

Matched for 4 Years

Amber & Arly

Matched for 3 Years

Nancy & Xandria

Matched for 2 Years

Oliver & Jonathon

Ana & Marvella

May



**Happy 3 year
anniversary to
Nancy & Xandria!**

Matched for 1 Year

Stephanie & Mahkhyla

Delia & Lizeth

Gabriela & Damaris

Christy & Celina

Jose & Luis

Soledad & Yesenia

Jason & Carlos

Elizabeth & Leslie