

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2019/20



22nd Annual Comedy For Kids' Sake a BIG success!



The Tower Theater was packed on November 15th as Lonza presented the 22nd annual Comedy For Kids' Sake! As expected, Tyler Boeh and Adam Pasi were hysterical, along with our own Tracee Tuesday! Big of the Year, Alane Harrold accepted her award with her Little of five years, Paula. We are so thankful and proud of everything Alane has done to defend, empower and ignite the potential within Paula. We are also grateful to Emi Baxter who spoke about the need to "end the wait" and get

kids like her Little Brother, Cody off the sidelines and matched with Defenders of Potential.

The live auction excitement culminated when two adorable alpacas were escorted to the stage to be auctioned off to the highest bidder.



A BIG thanks goes out to all of our amazing sponsors, the Tower Theatre, Baker Auction Company, all of the auction donors, guests and volunteers.

We would also like to thank Bleu Bite Catering, Curbside Bacon, Market of Choice, Oregon Craft Chocolatiers and Co-ho Coffee Co. for providing delicious food and desserts for our guests.



The \$60,000 raised will go towards achieving our goal of matching 60 children with mentors in 2020. Thanks again to all involved with Bend's premier red carpet event!

We will see you on the red carpet in 2020!



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!



Once again, BBBSCO is honored and grateful to be the beneficiary of Oregon Winterfest! In order to acquire this much needed funding, we will provide all of the volunteers for the entry gates for the weekend of February 14th-16th. If you volunteer for a four hour shift, you will receive free entry to the event for the entire weekend!

If you are interested in volunteering for a fun and festive shift,

please contact:

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Opioid Training Requirement for Bigs!



As we all know, the opioid crisis has become an epidemic and it is right here in Central Oregon. Big Brothers Big Sisters of America is requiring all Bigs to watch a webinar to educate us on the impact of opioids. Ursula Christie, expert consultant from Caron Treatment Centers, in partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, led this Mentor webinar training focused on understanding the opioid epidemic. This training will focus on 1) providing an overview of the opioid crisis, 2) identifying signs and symptoms of opioid abuse, 3) providing discussion starters, and 4) additional resources. Please watch this informative video, call our office when you have completed it, and you will be placed in a drawing to win a \$50 Visa gift card! We would also like to encourage parents/guardians to educate yourselves on this growing local and global issue affecting our youth, hence please watch the Parent/Guardian Training, and you too will be placed in the drawing!

Mentor Training: <https://bbbsa.wistia.com/medias/ng5t1zodxv>

Parent/Guardian Training: <https://bbbsa.wistia.com/medias/22qcn0d9z9>



The following letter was written by a Latinx Mentoring Program Little Sister to a donor who is supporting this amazing program offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon and Central Oregon Latino Partnership Program. For more information about LMP, please contact Rosie Laurie at rlaurie@bbbsco.org or 541.312.6047.

November 20, 2019

Dear Supporters of Latinx Mentoring Program,

I would like to personally thank you for your support to the Latinx Mentoring Program of Big Brothers Big Sisters Central Oregon. I was a “Little” in 2018-2019 throughout my senior year of high school, and the program meant a lot to me as I was figuring out how to balance school, college applications, and home life. My relationship with my mentor is one that I greatly care about and that left a positive impact in my educational, professional, and personal goals. She provided a personal guidance and support that helped me realize my passions and learn how to direct my restless energy into meaningful projects. I still communicate with my mentor today despite our distance. Thanks to LMP and my mentor, I also had someone to turn to when writing scholarship and college application essays, which incredibly, resulted in me receiving a full-tuition scholarship to the University of Miami where I am a student now. I am pursuing a dual degree in “Microbiology & Immunology” and “Public Health”, and I’m currently on the Pre-Medical track. My dreams of pursuing this education were made possible by the support I received from LMP, which provided opportunities for my mentor and I to meet up, attend career networking events, and find local scholarships. One of the scholarships I applied to through LMP is one that is currently aiding me with my on-campus housing expenses this year.

Thank you so much again for your support to LatinX Mentoring Program of Central Oregon. This program helped me get closer to my dreams, and I carry the memories and relationships I’ve made from it with me as I look towards the future.

Sincerely,

Maria Mejia-Botero





January is National Mentoring Month!

It's the same thing every January: gyms are overflowing, kale is selling like hotcakes, and everyone is trying to be their best for the new year. But what if this year, you could resolve to do something even more important than deciding to stomach a green smoothie once a week. What if you could make a resolution worth keeping—one that inspires more resolutions? That's why we're asking people this January to make THE BIG RESOLUTION!

January is National Mentoring Month, so be part of the celebration by encouraging friends, family members and coworkers to become DEFENDERS OF POTENTIAL! We are in great need of Big Brothers as the majority of the deserving children on our wait list are boys. Through out the month, Community Outreach Coordinator, Bridget Albert will hold volunteer information meetings in Bend, La Pine, Redmond and Madras. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram to learn the dates and locations of these meetings. Then spread the word and like, comment and share these posts to have your name placed in a drawing for a BIG prize!

National Mentoring Month is also a time for us to thank our mentors for all they do for their Littles and for our program! Every moment you spend with your Littles, you are defending, igniting and empowering their potential, and changing their lives for the better, forever! Thank you DEFENDERS OF POTENTIAL!



Winter Match Activities

Please R.S.V.P to Jenna McCann for the following match activities:

jmccann@bbbbsco.org or 541.312.6047

December 11th: La Pine Movie Night: *Abominable*

La Pine Community Center

5:30pm-7:30pm



January 10th: Ice Skating

7th Mountain Resort

6:00pm-9:00pm



February 8th: Valentine's Craft Day

Deschutes Children's Foundation Building Eastside Campus

12:00pm-3:00pm



BIG SHOUT OUTS!



A BIG shout out to Moeller Life & Business Coaching for choosing BBBSCO as one of the nonprofits new clients can choose to have 20% of their subscription fee donated to! Owner, Blake Moeller not only arranged for this awesome funding opportunity but also decided to become a Big Brother himself! For more information about this generous Bend-based business, go to www.moellerlbc.com.



A BIG shout out to Scott Lennie, the owner of Point Blank Distributing for his incredibly generous donation of over sixty cases of beer to the “Showstopper” live auction package at Comedy For Kids’ Sake. Scott also donated beer to Bowl For Kids’ Sake and is an all around wonderful supporter of our program! Thank you Scott and everyone at Point Blank Distributing!



A BIG shout out to the Rotary Club of Sunriver—La Pine for awarding BBBSCO with a \$2,500 grant to help us grow our Site-Based Mentoring Program in La Pine. Students from La Pine High School mentor students from La Pine Middle School to help support them during challenging adolescent years and prepare them for the rigors of high school.



A Big Shout out to Big Sister, **Emi Baxter** for stepping up and purchasing new volleyball shoes for Little Sister, Tuesday. On occasion when we have a Little who is in need of something special, we post the ask on Facebook and Instagram. Emi, who is in a Couples Match and has a Little Brother in the program, immediately contacted us to say the shoes were on the way! Thank you Emi!

Match Anniversaries!

December

Matched for 1 Year

Christopher & Walter
Staci & Divya
Michelle & Alyson
Malissa & Stephanie

Matched for 2 Years

Rochelle & Zhamya

January

Matched for 1 Year

Amy & Logan
Jeff & Diego
Sonya & Natalya
Leo & Jaidon
Jenna & Danyel

Matched for 6 Years

Olivia & Julieanna



**BIG Congratulations to
all of you!**

February

Matched for 1 Year

Lisa & Yaretzy
Amber & Evie
Nathaniel & Johnathan
Jenna & Emma
Caitlin & Sharai
Cristy & Mary



Matched for 2Years

Rory & Gabriel
Cathy & Paris

Matched for 5 Years

Gail & Jessica

Welcome New Matches!

Ryen & Alex	Barbara & Bella	Ava & Reiko
Abigail & Karizma	Trayvion & Hunter	Vincent & Cayden
Tyler & Jaxon	Sarah & Kenadie	Stacey & Juan
Cate & Sophia	Jorja & Abbygail	Joseph & J.D.
Robert & Silas	Carla & Jaydence	Carson & Killian
Gwen & Mia	Soren & Wyatt	Trevor & Jasper
Whitnie & Keyona	Jordan & McKennon	Naomi & Layla
Jill & Michelle	Reese & Jacquelyn	Stephanie & Leonel
Linda & Nicole	Morgan & Delaney	August & Landon
Ashlynn & Ellie	Garrett & Jeff	Kelly & Deztany
Madison & Emmie	Kaya & Milly	Erin & Angela
Alex & Cody	Zayra & Gracie	Priscilla & Deicy
Clayton & Korbin	Hailey & Dakoda	Nicole & Selena
Javin & Julian	Jesslyn & Mikylah	Andrew & Davie
Xander & Trevor	Aiden & Kyden	Scott & Santi
Grace & Addisyn	Aria & Alexsa	Harley & Jayden
Clayten & Nasri	Kyra & Holly	Shanelle & Alyvia
Maddox & Samuel	Joey & Jayden	Amanda & Amelia
Haydin & Marlie	Sage & Jasmine	Brad & Enrique
Nathan & Ronan	Gattlin & Owen	Allison & Emma
Emily & Alice	Harry & Brody	
Eric & Jared	Caylie & Amerlia	



For questions, comments or submissions to the BBBSCO newsletter, please contact
 Bridget Albert at balbert@bbbsco.org or 541.312.6047



Big Discount List

When a Big & Little are matched, they receive a copy of our “Big Discount List”. The following page includes the most updated list of local businesses who provide free or discounted goods or services to our matches when they are on an outing together. This list is always being updated as new businesses join, so please monitor our Facebook page for new additions.

Keeping the list in your glove box or taking a picture of it with your phone are great ways to keep it handy. Please remember to always bring your BBBSCO I.D. cards when together, as the business will ask for them to receive the discount. If you have misplaced your I.D. cards, please call our office to receive a new one. Furthermore, make sure to thank the business for their support of BBBSCO! If you know a business who would like to join our Big Discount List, please contact Bridget Albert at balbert@bbbsco.org or 541.312.6047.



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Big Discount List

<u>Category</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Location & Hours</u>	<u>Discount</u>
-	-	-	All hours are for weekdays	-
Arts & Crafts	Studio Create	145 NE Revere Ave. 541.323.3480	Bend; 11am-6pm	15% off for Bigs and Littles
Arts & Crafts	Pony Express	160 S. Oak St. 541.549.1538	Sisters; 9am-5pm weekdays	10% off all art supplies
Bikes	Wheel Fun Rentals	Old Mill District & Eagle Crest Resort 541.408.4568	Bend/Redmond, 10am-6pm	FREE rentals for Bigs & Littles (www.wheelfunrentals.com for location information)
Bowling	Sun Mountain Fun Center	300 NE Bend River Mall Ave 541.382.6161	Bend; 10am-11pm	Bowling \$2/game (shoe rental not included)
Food/Drink	Applebee's	3807 SW 21st St & 3197 N Hwy 97 541.318.5720	Bend/Redmond; 11am-10pm	10% off total Big/Little bill
Food/Drink	Arby's	2076 S. Hwy 97 & 535 SW 3rd St 503.389.7436	Bend/Redmond; 10am-9pm	Big buys item & Little gets item of equal or lesser value for FREE
Food/Drink	Ben & Jerry's	680 SW Powerhouse Dr 541.312.8115	Bend; 11:30am-10pm	Big buys a cone & Little receives FREE kid-sized cone
Food/Drink	Cuppa Yo	937 NW Newport Ave, Suite 110 541.306.6993	Bend; 12pm-10pm	Buy 1 get 1 50% off
Food/Drink	Deschutes Brewery	1044 NW Bond St 541.382.9242	Bend; 11am-11pm	Big buys menu item & Little eats FREE from any menu
Food/Drink	Old Towne Pizza	118 NW Greenwood Ave 541.318.9018	Bend; 11am-9pm	10% off any size pizza
Food/Drink	Parilla Grill	635 NW 14th St 541.617.9600	Bend; 11am-10pm	10% off all menu items
Food/Drink	Port of Subs	63056 Lower Meadow Dr 541.388.1580	Bend; 8am-8pm	Big buys any sm, med or lg sandwich at regular price and Little gets any sandwich of equal or lesser value for FREE.
Food/Drink	Red Robin	625 SW Powerhouse Dr 541.382.9234	Bend; 11am-10pm	Big buys regular menu item and Little eats from kid's menu for FREE (or adult menu for \$5 off)
Food/Drink	Sisters Bakery	251 E Cascade Ave 541.549.0361	Sisters; 5am-5pm	Littles and Bigs enjoy one FREE doughnut each
Food/Drink	Strictly Organic Coffee	450 SW Powerhouse Dr. 541.647.1402/541.383.1570	Bend; 6am-8pm (may vary)	10% off Big's drink and Little receives a FREE drink
Food/Drink	Village Bar & Grill	Sunriver Village Mall - 57100 Mall Dr 541.593.1100	Sunriver; 11am-9pm	Big buys a menu item and Little eats for FREE
Health/Beauty	BoXiT Fitness Studio	345 SW Cyber Dr. Suite #104 541.706.0210	Call to schedule class	First class for Bigs & Littles are FREE! With the purchase of a 10 class punch card or monthly, or unlimited pass, Little works out for FREE
Health/Beauty	Feathers Salon - Chloe Woodward	222 NW 7th St., Suite #1 Redmond 541.977.5396	Redmond; Tues. & Fri. 9am-6pm - Appt. required	Little gets a haircut for \$5
Health/Beauty	Stregth Warehouse	345 SW Cyber Dr. Suite #105	Bend, call for reservations	Big pays \$10 per workout and Little works out for FREE
Mini-Golf/Golf	Sun Mountain Fun Center	300 NE Bend River Mall Ave 541.382.6161	Bend; 10am-11pm	\$5.00 Mini-Golf for each person
Museums	Museum at Warm Springs	2189 Hwy 26 541.553.3331	Warm Springs; 9am-5pm	Littles get in FREE with Bigs paying regular admission
Museums	High Desert Museum	59800 S. Hwy 97 541.382.4754	Bend; 9am-5pm	Littles get in FREE with Bigs paying regular admission
Rafting	Seventh Mountain Resort	18575 SW Century Dr 541.382.8711	Bend, call for reservations	Purchase one trip for Big and Little goes for FREE (\$42 per adult - gratuity not included - Reservations: 541-693-9115)
Recreation/Gyms	Athletic Club of Bend	61615 Athletic Club Dr. 541.385.3062	Bend; 5:30am-9pm	Littles get in FREE w/ Big membership
Recreation/Gyms	Bend Rock Gym	1182 SE Centennial Ct 541.388.6764	Bend; 10am-10pm	2 for 1 on the cost of climbing equipment rental and admission
Recreation/Gyms	Cascade Swim Center	465 SW Rimrock Dr 541.548.6066	Redmond; 5am-9:45pm	Little gets in FREE with Big paying regular admission; Call for pool schedule (541-548-6066)
Recreation/Gyms	The Pavilion	1001 SW Bradbury Dr. 541.389.7588	Bend; based on season	Big pays for entry and Little gets in for FREE
Recreation/Gyms	Juniper Swim & Fitness Center	800 NE 6 th St 541.389.7665	Bend; 5:15am-9pm but varies	Little gets in FREE with Big paying regular admission; Call for pool schedule (541-389-7665)
Rafting/Stand-Up Paddleboarding	Seventh Mountain Resort	18575 SW Century Dr 541.382.8711	Bend, reserve in advance	SUP-10yrs & up; Big pays \$48, Littles go for free WWR-6yrs & up; Discounted price of \$32 for Big/Little
Skating	Cascade Indoor Sports Center	20775 High Desert Ln 541.330.1183	Bend; Fri.-Sun. 12-3pm, 6-9pm	Big pays full price admission/skate rental & Little skates for FREE; also with Big Play Thing as well
Skating	Seventh Mountain Resort	18575 SW Century Dr 541.382.8711	Bend, call for reservations	Purchase rink admission and skate rental for Big and Little skates for FREE
Sports Entertainment	Madras Dragstrip	927 NW Glass Dr 541.815.2107 annette@madras.net	Madras; based on events	\$2 off spectator fee for Bigs & Littles. Kids under 12 y.o. are always free
Sports Equipment Rentals	Skjersaa's	345 SW Century Dr. #100 541.382.2154	Bend; 10am-6pm	Little gets FREE rental of skis, snowboard, or snowshoes, with paid rental of same by Big
Sports Equipment Rentals	Sunnyside Sports	930 NW Newport Ave 541.382.8018	Bend; 9am-7pm	FREE cross country ski, bike, paddleboard and snowshoe rentals for Littles - no other purchase necessary

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