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Message from the CEO

This September I will retire as CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region. So many emotions: pride, sadness, concern, hope, and thankfulness all bundled into one.

Pride because we have come so far. The year I arrived we matched 154 kids. Last year we connected 1,159 kids in eleven counties with life-changing mentors. The budget to support those matches grew too, from \$241,761 in 1999 to \$1,727,500 last year. We bought and paid for our building, established an endowment that stands at nearly \$800,000, and created a regional structure to support efforts in northern, western and southwestern New Mexico. Along the way we were recognized as national leaders in promoting diversity throughout our organization.



Andrea Fisher Maril, CEO

Sadness: this has been the job of a lifetime and it hurts my heart to leave. I came to Big Brothers Big Sisters at a challenging time in my personal history. Partnering with passionate and deeply committed board members, employees, Bigs and parents changed my life at the same time as we changed the lives of the kids we matched.

Concern because we stand at the edge of the next big leap forward. We've grown from small to mid-large to large agency. To fully transition we need new programs (we're excited about workplace mentoring and matching kids through age 25), enhanced organizational configurations and more funds. I'm leaving a legacy gift to help but we'll need your support too.

Hope because we've launched an extensive and well-coordinated search for my successor. New ideas, fresh energy, and deep commitment to changing kids' lives will take BBBS Mountain Region to the next level. It's time. Our kids need us more than ever.

Finally, I am thankful for all who have helped us come so far. You have been incredible. I will miss you with all my heart.

Andrea Fisher Maril, CEO
Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region

Building life-changing, long-lasting friendships throughout New Mexico



Taos Little Brother Adam's mother is grateful that Big Brother Miguel has changed his life for the better.



Gallup Big Sister Jennifer says that being a Big has "made me think about more important things. I hope that we will always be Sisters [and] look forward to seeing what she is going to do with her life."



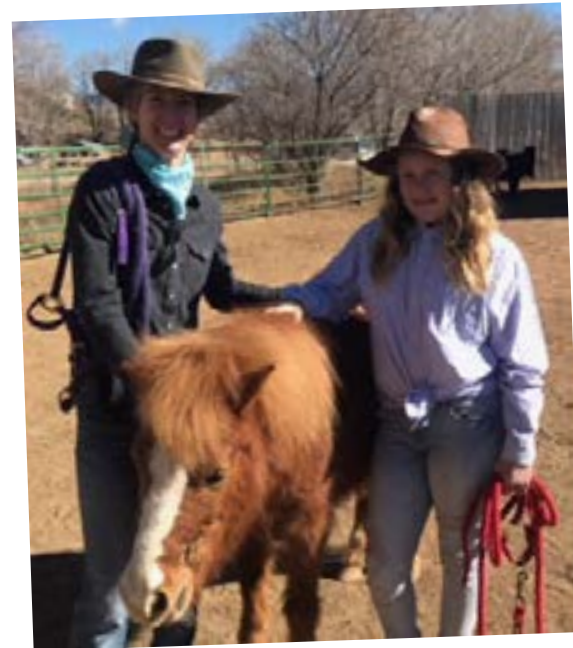
Little Sister Emmalina in Santa Fe sometimes has trouble making friends. She says her Big Sister Janet is her friend "because we both like the same things."



Wendy says that being a Big Sister to Eleila in Las Cruces is fulfilling, "I love to watch her flourish!"



Big Brother Tom in Los Alamos has a real appreciation for his Little Brother Isaiah, "He's a very caring and sensitive kid, more so than most at that age. I plan to be there for him as much as I can."



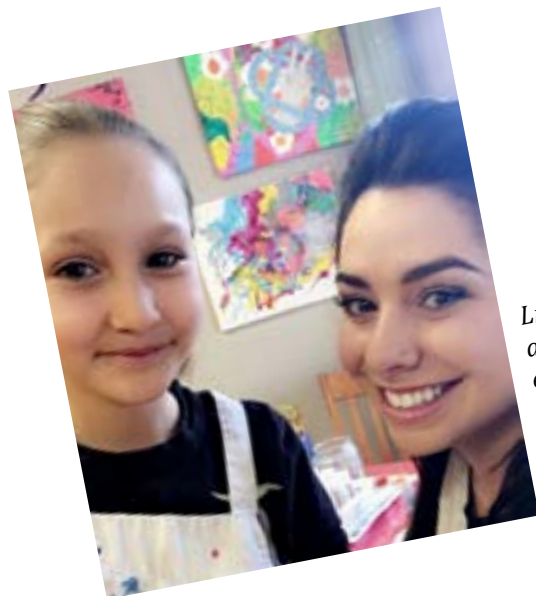
Little Sister Julianna didn't know there was a horse sanctuary in Taos until her Big Sister Staci took her. "I love horses," says Julianna.



High School Big Savannah in Gallup says that the best thing about being a Big Sister is that she gets to "act like a little kid again." Little Sister Nikona feels as if Savannah is a real sister, "she encourages me to do new things, she believes in me."



Santa Fe Little Sister Rosie loves hanging out with her Big Sister Shirley. "I only wish we could spend EVEN MORE time together." Rosie's mom reports that since the two have been matched, Rosie's grades have improved and she gets along well with her peers, teacher, and family.

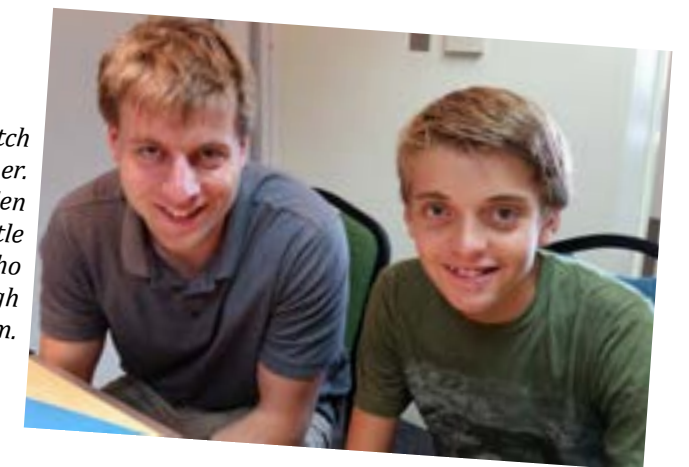


Little Sister Juanita and Big Sister Jimena enjoy making pottery together in Taos



Big Sister Lucy in Silver City is a basketball player for WNMU. Her Little Sister Sahara says it's fun to go with her to movies and to watch Lucy's basketball games.

This Los Alamos match both like to run together. Big Brother Caiden is proud of his Little Brother Nathaniel who now runs on the high school team.



Disco Bowl 2018



Grab your polyester suit and put on your platform shoes– it's time to boogie down at this year's **Disco Bowl for Kids' Sake!**

Big Brothers Big Sisters changes lives for the better, forever, but we can't do it without your help. We bowl for fun, but we raise money to help New Mexico kids. Every dollar raised goes toward creating lasting friendships and changing the future of our youth and our community.

Get started today. Start or join a team at www.bbbsmountainregion.org/bfks. If you can't bowl this year, consider making a donation to a bowler, becoming a virtual bowler, or sponsoring one of our Littles to bowl. Each bowler must raise \$100 or more in donations, though most people raise about \$150 per person. Top individual fund raisers have collected over \$3,000!

Once your fundraising is complete, you can celebrate all your fundraising success and all the good you are doing for local youth at your local bowling center (you must reserve your space in advance).

100% of the money raised in your community stays in your community to help local kids reach their potential.

Join us! Together, we can start a child on the path to fulfilling their potential.

For more information about Bowl for Kids' Sake, contact your Regional Director or visit www.bbbsmountainregion.org/bfks.



Role Models on the Runway - June 15, 2018

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, Las Cruces

Join us from 11:30 – 1:00 pm for a fashion show luncheon highlighting Bigs and Littles in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program in Las Cruces. These amazing matches will not only share their fashion savvy and sassy but also the story of their relationship and who the Little wants to grow up to be!

For more information, contact Doña Ana/Grant Regional Director Dawn Starostka at 575-449-2728 or email Dawn.Starostka@bbbsmountainregion.org. Learn more about the event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2052774788272071/>

7th Annual Drive for Matches Golf Tournament - July 14, 2018

Los Alamos Golf Course, Los Alamos

Free range balls, golf cart, dinner, hole-in-one prizes, and more. Last year we gave away a \$5,000 putting contest prize and 2 brand new cars!

Contact Los Alamos/Rio Arriba Regional Director Nikki Bustos at (505) 614-4231 or email Nikki.Bustos@bbbsmountainregion.org for more information or to become a sponsor. More details coming soon at www.bbbsmountainregion.org/laragolf.

9th Annual Golf "fore" Kids' Sake Tournament - Summer 2018 (Date TBD)

Fox Run Golf Course, Gallup

Entry fee includes meals, goody bag, greens fees, and lots of big awards. Last year we gave away a brand new vehicle! All proceeds support the McKinley County program.

For more information about sponsoring this event, contact McKinley County Regional Director Sarah Piano at 505-726-4285 or email Sarah.Piano@bbbsmountainregion.org. More details will be posted soon at www.bbbsmountainregion.org/McKinleyGolf.

2nd Annual Fashion Taos Style! - September 1, 2018

Taos Country Club, Ranchos De Taos

Get a sneak peek at some of the hottest local fashion designs. Local stores and celebrated designers will show off some of their Taos inspired creations. Includes buffet dinner and a silent auction. Learn more and see photos of last year's event at www.bbbsmountainregion.org/fashion

For information about participating or sponsoring this event, contact Taos/Colfax Regional Director Karen Koyote at 575-770-5751 or email Karen.Koyote@bbbsmountainregion.org. More event details will be revealed soon!

9th Annual Mudd Volleyball: Mudd for Matches Tournament - September 8, 2018

Grapevine Event Plaza, Las Cruces, NM

Our biggest, messiest and most fun fundraiser of the year in Las Cruces! Teams of 8 to 12 co-ed players leave it all in the mud in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

For more information, contact Doña Ana/Grant Regional Director Dawn Starostka at 575-449-2728 or email Dawn.Starostka@bbbsmountainregion.org. Visit www.lcmudd.org for detailed information including Team Captain Packet, rules and sponsorship information.

Bowl for Kids' Sake Events are taking place throughout New Mexico. Find an event near you, register and start your fundraising! (Disco theme only applies to BBBS Mountain Region events.)

Silver Bowling Lanes, Silver City
April 8 at 1:00 p.m. (BBBS Mountain Region)

Desert Bowling Lanes, Holloman AFB, Alamogordo
April 21 (BBBS of Central NM)

Big Rock Bowling Center, Española
April 8 at 1:30 p.m. (BBBS Mountain Region)

Isleta Fun Connection, Albuquerque
April 28 (BBBS of Central New Mexico)

Taos Gutters Bowling Alley, Taos
April 8 at 10:30 a.m., 1:00 & 3:30 p.m.
(BBBS Mountain Region)

Center City Lanes, Roswell
April 28 (BBBS of Southeastern New Mexico)

Strike Gold Lanes, Santa Fe (Pojoaque)
April 14 at 11:00 a.m. (Bigs and Littles only);
1:00 p.m. (all ages); 3:30 & 6:00 p.m. (21 and over)
April 15 at 1:00 & 3:30 p.m. (all ages)
(BBBS Mountain Region)

Gal-A-Bowl, Gallup
April 28 at 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, & 9:30 p.m.
(BBBS Mountain Region)

Bowlero Lanes, Farmington
June 23 (BBBS of Central New Mexico)

Celebrate! Celebrate! 2018 Gala



Please join us at our annual gala on October 20, 2018 in celebration of the 18 years that Andrea Fisher Maril has worked to improve the lives of children in New Mexico, and help us welcome the new CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region.

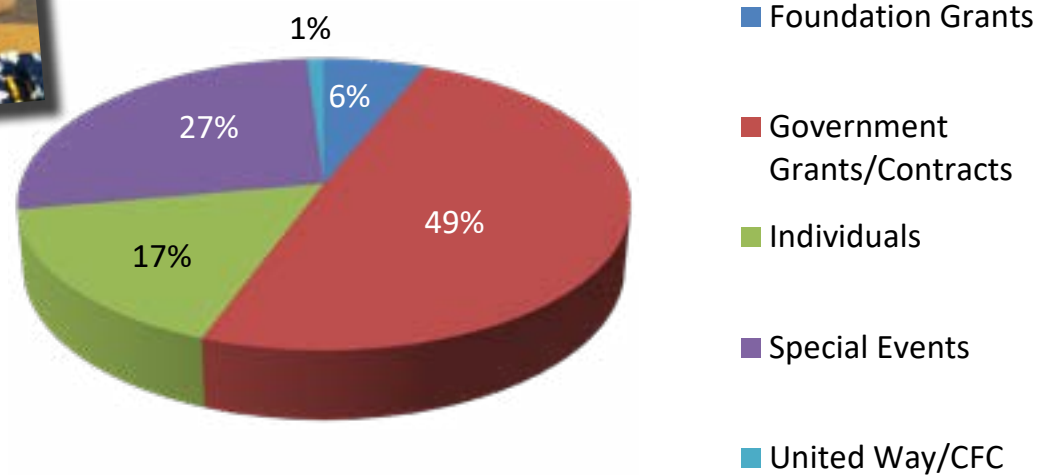
Those wishing to recognize and honor Andrea's devotion, dedication, and hard work may do so by becoming a Legacy Partner. These gifts recognize the success of Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region through the past eighteen years, as we welcome our new CEO who will take over leadership of the organization. Legacy Partners will also be invited to an exclusive cocktail reception, where they can personally thank Andrea for her tireless service, meet her successor and have an opportunity to bid on exclusive auction items. Partners will be specially recognized in Gala publicity and at the event and will be seated at a well-located Legacy table. For more information about the event, visit www.bbbsmountainregion.org/gala

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