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Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region Receives 2015 Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Quality Award

Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region Awarded for Team Leadership and Quality Community Programming

Santa Fe, NM (June 8, 2015) – Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) Mountain Region is proud to announce that the Big Brothers Big Sisters National Leadership Council (NLC) recognized its affiliate with a 2015 Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Quality Award.

“I am so proud of our board and staff for making quality programming a priority for our local children,” said Andrea Fisher Maril, President and CEO of BBBS Mountain Region. “Their hard work equates to more mentorship throughout Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, Los Alamos, Taos, San Miguel, Mora, McKinley, Las Cruces, and Grant Counties and a brighter future for area youth.”

In the past year, BBBS Mountain Region has served 1100 children. BBBS Mountain Region was recognized for its quality community programming. In 2015 BBBS of Northern New Mexico merged with BBBS of Southwestern New Mexico to become BBBS Mountain Region. BBBS Mountain Region is now better able to serve even more youth in New Mexico. Despite the transition, the agency has been able to maintain its high quality of service throughout.

“This Quality Award reflects the care and attention that goes into each match between a Big and a Little. BBBS Mountain Region has done an outstanding job serving children in its community,” said Pam Iorio, president and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

BBBS Mountain Region is one of 45 out of more than 300 Big Brothers Big Sisters of America agencies that will be recognized at the 2015 Big Brothers Big Sisters National Conference in Philadelphia on June 2 and 3.

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About Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) has been the leader in one-to-one youth service for over a century, with proven success in creating positive friendships that benefit children, volunteers, families, neighborhoods and communities. Research has shown positive relationships between adult mentors and at-risk children have a direct and measurable impact on children's lives. Youth in the program perform better in school, get along better with their families, and are less likely to use drugs or alcohol. In 2015 BBBS of Southwestern New Mexico merged with BBBS of Northern New Mexico to form BBBS Mountain Region. BBBS Mountain Region currently serves nearly 1,100 local youngsters and their families in Dona Ana, Grants, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Taos, Colfax, McKinley, San Miguel, and Mora Counties.

About Big Brothers Big Sisters of America

Big Brothers Big Sisters, the nation's largest donor- and volunteer-supported mentoring network, holds itself accountable for children in its program to achieve measurable outcomes such as educational success, avoidance of risky behaviors, higher aspirations, greater confidence and better relationships. Partnering with parents/guardians, schools, corporations and others in the community, Big Brothers Big Sisters carefully pairs children ("Littles") with screened volunteer mentors ("Bigs"), and monitors and supports these one-to-one mentoring matches throughout their course. The Big Brothers Big Sisters Youth Outcomes Survey substantiates that its mentoring programs have proven positive academic, socioemotional and behavioral outcomes for youth – areas linked to high school graduation, avoidance of juvenile delinquency, and college or job readiness.

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. This mission has been the cornerstone of the organization's 110-year history. With 325 agencies across the country, Big Brothers Big Sisters serves approximately 200,000 children, their families and 200,000 volunteer mentors. Learn more at www.BigBrothersBigSisters.org.

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