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### **Alaska USA Foundation gives \$15,000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters**

**Anchorage, Alaska** – Alaska USA Foundation has donated \$15,000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska to support the Operation Bigs program. The program provides mentors for children of military families, as well as volunteer opportunities for military members. Operation Bigs was launched in 2010 and currently fosters over 150 mentorship matches in Alaska.

“The military lifestyle often presents many challenges for children and families. There can be frequent relocation, school transitions, and separation from extended family,” said Taber Rehbaum, CEO, Big Brother Big Sisters of Alaska. “Operation Bigs pairs children with mentors who help them navigate rough spots in their life by providing friendship, fun, and positive attention. The donation from Alaska USA Foundation will allow us to provide service to more kids whose families are serving our nation.”

The Alaska USA Foundation donation will be used to increase program participation in Alaska by identifying and enrolling more children and partnering with military leadership to increase the number of volunteer mentors.

### **About the Alaska USA Foundation**

The Alaska USA Foundation was established in 2003 to support 501(c)(3) charitable organizations that provide needs-based services to children, veterans, and active duty members of the military and their families. Since its inception, the Foundation has distributed over \$1.3 million to these organizations and is honored to assist those that provide direct services in support of its mission.

Learn more about the Alaska USA Foundation at [alaskausafoundation.org](http://alaskausafoundation.org).

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**Photo:** The Alaska USA Foundation has donated \$15,000 to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska's *Operation Bigs* program. Pictured (from left) are Dan McCue, Executive Director, Alaska USA Foundation, and Rachael McPherson, Development Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska.

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