

Sold Out 38th Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County Golf Tournament Raises Record \$275,000

SANTA ANA, Calif. - May. 4, 2015 - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County held its 38th annual golf tournament and fundraising event on Mon., May 4, 2015, at Pelican Hill Golf Course overlooking the Pacific Ocean in Newport Coast, Calif. One of the most prominent non-profit golf tournaments in Southern California, the sold-out occasion raised \$275,000 which set a record for the event.

"We are so grateful to all of our sponsors, supporters and the 144 golfers who contributed to making our 38th annual tournament a tremendous success," said Melissa Beck, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County. "Special thanks go to First American for their continued sponsorship of this event. We believe that every child should have the opportunity to succeed in life and live up to their full potential. With the funds raised at today's event, over 200 children will be provided the opportunity of a life changing mentorship."

With a full field of 144 golfers, the tournament day started with registration, DJ and Bloody Mary bar at 10 a.m., followed by a welcome program at 11:15 and shotgun start at 11:30.

Throughout the day, golfers experienced a wide range of donated amenities, refreshments and activities that encompassed Mi Casa Tacos, Agave Underground Tequila, Lazy Dog restaurant, Travis Mathews Ice Cream truck, shopping in the Swag Store, ColdCock Whiskey tasting, Tasting Spoon food truck, Baking Betty Gourmet Cookies stand, long-drive professional Frank Miller, and games and contests including hole-in-one with a chance to win a BMW. The event concluded with an evening reception featuring chef-attended food stations, hosted bar, live band and awards presentation.

A very special opportunity at this years tournament was provided by Shelly BMW of Buena Park. The dealership selected Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County as its regional partner for their participation in the BMW Golf Cup International competition. The two low-net players, (names), received an all-expenses-paid chance to participate in the U.S. national final at Pinehurst Resort, Oct. 8-11, 2015, and ultimately to represent their country at the BMW Golf Cup International World Final set for (dates) at (location). With more than 100,000 players from 40 different countries, the BMW Golf Cup International competition is the worlds largest international tournament series for amateurs.

Event sponsors for the 2015 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County Golf Tournament included:

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Foursome sponsors were Alliant, Credit Suisse, Brad Coleman and Jillian Braverman, Ernst & Young, First Foundation, Latham & Watkins, Lockton, Manufacturers Bank, Sedgwick CMS, Stradling Yocca and Todd Pickup.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County, one of the national organizations leading agencies in the country, provided more than 2,700 children facing adversity with professionally supported, one-to-one mentoring relationships in 2014. Positive outcomes have included: 98 percent graduated high school on time, 83 percent enrolled in college, and 100 percent said their "Big" was their biggest influence on pursuing a higher education. For more information, visit www.bigbrooc.org.

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About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County

For more than 100 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. Most children served by Big Brothers Big Sisters live in single-parent and low-income families, or households with a parent who has been incarcerated. It is the nations largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network and makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"). The organizations system of ongoing evaluation and support has been proven by independent studies to help families by improving the odds that "Littles" will perform better in school, avoid violence and illegal activities, and have stronger relationships with their parents and others. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, with a network of nearly 400 agencies across the country, Big Brothers Big Sisters serves a quarter-million children annually. In 2014, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County served over 2,700 children. For more information, visit www.bigbrooc.org.