

No Ticket Required: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado Opens Big Little Gala Auction to All Bidders

Online bidding opens Aug. 22 and runs through gala night Aug. 27. Anyone can bid, and proceeds fund mentoring matches across Colorado.

DENVER, CO, UNITED STATES, August 25, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado (BBBSC) opens public bidding on its annual auction Aug. 22 at <https://bolder.bid/app/public/bidapp/bbbSCO26/auction>. Registration requires an email address or phone number, bidding can be done from any device, and no [Big Little Gala](#) ticket is required to participate. Bidding closes at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado

The 2025 auction carried more than 90 packages across categories including Colorado getaways, sports and outdoors, photography, neighborhood baskets and event tickets.

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“An auction is the least abstract kind of fundraising there is,” said Elycia Cook, President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado. “Somebody donates a weekend at their cabin. Somebody else bids on it. A month later, a case manager is sitting down with a family in Colorado Springs because of it. The line between those things is shorter than people assume.”

What Is on the Block

- Live auction, gala guests only: The World Traveler, Savor South Africa Heritage Safari and Colorado Avalanche VIP Suite Experience
- Open to the public online: 72 total items including getaways, sporting events, neighborhood baskets and experiences, photography packages and more!

Colorado businesses, hotels, restaurants, and individual supporters donate packages outright, so proceeds carry almost no cost of goods.

Who the Bidding Reaches

The young people served by BBBSC's [youth mentoring programs in Colorado](#) are not a general population. Of the Littles served in 2025, 70 percent came from single-parent households, 41 percent belonged to families receiving income assistance, and 15 percent had a parent who had been incarcerated.

Matches last an average of 3.6 years, and that duration is the point. Mentoring research consistently finds that short matches produce little and can do harm, while long ones move outcomes. Auction proceeds pay for the professional case management that keeps a match going past the first hard year.

A Sold-Out Room, an Open Auction

The Big Little Gala on Thursday, Aug. 27, at the Denver Art Museum is BBBSC's largest fundraiser of the year, and its seats are spoken for. The auction is the part of the evening with no capacity limit. Bidders in Pueblo, Durango, or out of state compete for the same packages as guests standing in the museum.

Supporters who would rather skip the bidding can [donate to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado](#) directly, in any amount, at any time.

About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado has served young people since 1918. Its mission is to create and support mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. BBBSC serves youth and families throughout the Denver Metro and Pikes Peak regions through 1:1 community-based and school-based mentorship, as well as programs that help young people prepare for life after high school. Learn more at biglittlcolorado.org.

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