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The Lincy Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Nevada Pair to Mentor Local School Children

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Nevada is pleased to announce that The Lincy Foundation has awarded a \$100,000 grant to fund Site-Based Mentoring Programs in eight Clark County School District Empowerment Schools. This grant serves to enhance an earlier grant the Foundation awarded to the Clark County School District .

“We are very grateful to The Lincy Foundation for their generous donation,” says Erin Cornelius, CEO for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Nevada. “It’s especially significant in this difficult climate of charitable giving and budgetary constraints. The Lincy Foundation understands the value of partnership to meet the needs of the children in our community related to educational success. ”

Currently active in three Clark County School District Empowerment Schools, *Walter Bracken Elementary School, Paul Culley Elementary School, and Matt Kelly Elementary School*, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Nevada will use these funds to expand their Site-Based Mentoring Programs into five additional Empowerment Schools. In these programs a volunteer meets with a child once a week at a specific, supervised location where they build friendships and participate in activities in a structured environment designed to increase grades, decrease trancies, increase social skills, and increase respect for authority. Since 1974, the organization has helped children reach their full potential through professionally supported one-to-one relationships.

The Lincy Foundation, the primary philanthropic vehicle of Kirk Kerkorian, has invested over \$700 million in humanitarian efforts. Special emphasis is placed in Nevada for causes including education, medical care, and the elderly.

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