

State Farm donates \$10,000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region

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Local State Farm agent Chee Montano has a long history of demonstrating what it means to be a Good Neighbor by stepping up to help his community. On June 2, Chee presented Big Brothers Big Sisters Mountain Region with a \$10,000 grant from State Farm as part of the company's Outstanding Community Engagement Program.

The nonprofit organization was selected by the insurance agent, as part of their recognition for being one of 100 agents nationwide who were nominated and selected for their outstanding community engagement.

"At State Farm, we are committed to helping build stronger communities," Chee said. "For me, it's not enough to simply say we're a Good Neighbor, we embrace the responsibility to make this community better by being a part of a solution."

Sarah Piano, the Senior Director of Northern N.M. BBBS thanked Chee and State Farm for the donation.

"On behalf of the many youths and families our Big Brothers Big Sisters organization serves throughout McKinley County and the Navajo Nation, thank you for this amazing support, State Farm!" Piano said. "We are honored to be selected by Chee, who has been a board member for 10 years and we are beyond grateful for his support of one-to-one mentoring. He and his entire family, as well as his State Farm staff, have been champions for our program and understand the value of giving back to their community."

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Piano also explained why the donation is important.

“The majority of our youth are Native American and come from single-family homes in which resources are very limited. Connecting youth with positive, caring role models helps to put kids on a path to success and gives youth a chance to reach their full potential. This would not be possible without our amazing mentors, board members and our generous donors such as State Farm.”