

Hello and Happy New Year!



I'd like to take a second and introduce myself. My name is Lander Bachert, lover of dogs, mountains, skiing and well casted fly lines. Since 2018 I have been the CEO of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Gallatin County. Today, however, I am beyond thrilled to announce that Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Gallatin County and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Park and Sweetgrass Counties have started a new chapter as *Big Brothers Big Sisters of Big Sky Country*.

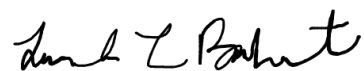
This thoughtful merge came from a desire and dedication to the children of Gallatin, Park, Sweetgrass, Madison and Beaverhead Counties, and an understanding that together: five countries, two offices and 16,000 square miles could be better served with our powers combined.

We will continue to have physical offices in Livingston and Bozeman with our incredible satellite branch leaders going full force in Big Sky, Ennis and (upcoming) Gardiner. Big Brothers Big Sisters believes wholeheartedly in defending the potential of our youth, and to make 2020 the type of banner year for the ages we've set the following goals:

- Expand programming across the board to include more opportunities for the outdoors and the arts.
- Seek to understand and hear the voices of the youth in our program.
- Train mentors and community members in Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Re-engage deeply rural programs.

If these goals or the drive to defend potential resonates with you, or moves you to think just a little--then my first New Year's Resolution is in full roar, and I invite you to join our conversation, our mission and our goals to help Big Brothers Big Sisters of Big Sky Country make the world a kinder, brighter place for the young people of all ages.

All my best,



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