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## Making Memories E-News

October 2011

*Big Animals for Little Kids mission is to bring joy into the lives of children facing health, emotional or socio-economic challenges. We regularly visit children in hospitals, homeless shelters and foster care facilities.*

A majority of our events support kids at Rady Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Kaiser Hospital as well as organizations such as: The Make a Wish Foundation, the San Diego Center for Children, Christie's Place and ChildHelp.

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### Sign Up!

Do you know someone who would like to join this mailing list? If so, please encourage them to [Join Our Mailing List.](#)

### Donate Today

[To make a gift today](#) in support of giving magical moments to children in San Diego with serious, chronic, and life threatening illnesses, consider making a gift today.

### Little Animal goes BIG!

11 year old Carlee shares the joy of giving

When Carlee was only 3 years old she joined her Nana Gail and came to a Big Animals event and eight years later, she keeps coming back. Carlee has dressed up as a frog, poodle, chicken, Curious George and more importantly she's shared with others the value of volunteering and the impacts Big Animals has had on children.

Three years ago Carlee invited friend, Jessie, to join her and Nana Gail at an event, dressing up and helping with face painting kids and Jessie fell in love with volunteering with Big Animals too!



"...helping little kids in need and putting smiles on their faces really touches my heart and makes me feel soooooooooooooooooooooo good." Carlee wrote in a recent thank you letter to Big Animals for Little Kids. She also shared that her experience helped her see what she could do for other kids in need and she promised to keep volunteering and making a difference.

Volunteering is Big Animals biggest resource. We are a locally based, all volunteer run organization. **Your financial contribution or gift of time and talent goes a long way helping seriously ill children in our community. To learn more about how you can get involved, [contact Big Animals.](#)**

### Challenge Match

Thanks to the Donald C and Elizabeth M Dickinson



## Upcoming Events (Partial List)

### Saturday 10/8/11

10:00am-2:00pm

Cecily's Closet Fundraiser for Special Needs Kids

### Sunday 10/9/11

10:00am-3:00pm

Foster Kids Picnic

### Saturday 10/22/11

11:00am-2:00pm

San Diego Youth Services Adoption Fall Festival

### Thursday 10/27/11

Christie's Place Halloween Party

### Saturday 10/29/11

10:00am-2:00pm

Make A Wish Halloween Party

### Saturday 11/5/11

8:00am-10:00am

San Diego Center for Children Walk for Kids

### Saturday 11/19/11

Susan B. Komen 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk

Big Animals Cheers the Walkers

### Saturday 12/3/11

11:00am-2:00pm

SD Parks & Rec. Rehab. Dept Holiday Party.

### Saturday 12/10/11

12:30pm-4:00pm

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Holiday Party

## Foundation

For the second year, Big Animals for Little Kids has received a challenge from The Donald C. and Elizabeth M. Dickinson Foundation.

The challenge is simple.

**Every dollar raised by individuals, like you, will be matched- dollar for dollar- up to \$7,500.**



This means that your donation of \$5, \$20, \$100, or more today will be doubled thanks to the Dickinson Foundation.

Your gift towards this challenge is not only matched dollar for dollar **but it's also going to a very worthy cause** bringing fun and memorable experiences to children with serious and chronic illness.

You can [make a gift](#) online today!

## Annual Holiday Toy Drive

THOUSANDS of toys, HUNDREDS of kids

Each year, Big Animals for Little Kids makes a commitment to ensure a warm and memory filled holiday season for San Diego's less fortunate little ones.

The Annual Toy Drive collects more than 3,000 toys each year to brighten the lives of more than 1000 kids who might otherwise not receive a holiday gift.

The Annual Toy Drive depends on many Big Animal Volunteers collecting toys and gifts from people like YOU.

If you are interested in helping with this year's toy drive, please [contact us!](#)



**Friday 12/23 or  
Saturday 12/24**  
3:30pm -6:00pm  
YMCA Family Shelter  
Distributing Toys to  
Homeless Kids

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Animals [email us today!](#) **To  
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