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**Weaver Private Foundation Donates
To Big Brothers Big Sisters**
*Big Brothers Big Sisters named Charity of Choice for 2011-12;
Staff participates in employee volunteer opportunities across the state*

DALLAS-FORT WORTH, TEXAS (June 12, 2012) – The Weaver Private Foundation named Big Brothers Big Sisters as its Charity of Choice for the fiscal year 2011-12. The Foundation contributed a total of \$45,000 to the local affiliated agencies in communities where Weaver, the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest, has offices. Local employees in each of the communities participated in activities to support their local Big Brothers Big Sisters affiliated agency.

Participating agencies include Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas in Austin; Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star – Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston Regions; Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland; and Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas – Bexar County in San Antonio.

“A goal of the Weaver Private Foundation is to promote volunteerism among our employees by providing enriching opportunities to service those in need in our community,” said Andy Freundlich, partner-in-charge of real estate and construction services and a foundation board member.

Weaver employees participated in “A Big for a Day” volunteer activities in each location. In Dallas, they spent an afternoon of entertainment and activities with Big Brothers Big Sisters children and their families, as well as children who are awaiting permanent mentors with a big brother or big sister. In Fort Worth, Weaver staff met the unmatched children for an evening of bowling, food and fun. The Houston Weaver employees met with Big Brothers Big Sisters kids for lunch and a game day. In Midland/Odessa, Weaver staff took several children bowling, and in San Antonio, Weaver staff gathered to play games with the “little buddies” from Big Brothers Big Sisters. The allocated dollars in Austin will sponsor an upcoming Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas’ Promising Futures Scholarship Ceremony.

“Weaver is pleased to support the Big Brothers Big Sisters affiliates in the communities where we live and work,” said Tommy Lawler, managing partner and CEO. “When our employees participate in hands-on activities, they can see how the foundation gives back to their own community.”

“Thanks to Weaver, our local Big Brothers Big Sisters affiliates will continue to provide much-needed services for families in Texas,” said Charles Pierson, president and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star. “Each Texas affiliate provides volunteer opportunities to give time and hands-on experience associated with strengthening individual communities across our state.”

The Weaver Private Foundation was created to sponsor organizations, events and programs in the communities in which Weaver employees live and work. The foundation’s efforts emphasize the firm’s commitment to community involvement and employee work-life balance. Each year, the foundation makes a contribution to the Charity of Choice, which is selected through an annual grant proposal process. The foundation also financially supports numerous charities where Weaver employees serve on boards or volunteer.

About Weaver

Originally founded in 1950, Weaver currently has approximately 450 employees and offices in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Midland, Odessa and San Antonio. Weaver is ranked the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest by *Accounting Today* magazine. The firm is also ranked the 38th largest firm in the United States by *INSIDE Public Accounting* and the 45th largest firm by *Accounting Today*.

Weaver serves a broad range of clients including large national and international companies, public and privately-held businesses, nonprofit organizations and governmental entities. In addition to traditional assurance and tax services, Weaver also provides numerous advisory services, including risk advisory; transaction advisory; IT advisory; forensic accounting; litigation support; international; property tax; state and local tax; and estate planning services. In addition, the firm provides registered investment advisory services through Weaver Wealth Management. Learn more at www.weaverllp.com.

About Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a donor-supported volunteer organization that places caring adults in the lives of children in one-to-one mentoring relationships. Through the positive impact of those friendships, children with a Big Brother or Big Sister are more likely to graduate from high school and are less likely to begin using drugs, begin using alcohol or engage in negative conflict. For more information, contact 888.887.BIGS or www.bbbstx.org.

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Weaver Private Foundation Names Big Brothers Big Sisters as Charity of Choice for 2011-12 – From left, Charles Pierson, president and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters – Lone Star, representing six Big Brothers Big Sisters statewide affiliate agencies, receives the statewide check from Weaver’s Andy Freundlich, CPA, partner-in-charge of real estate and construction services and a foundation board member.