

Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Report August 2020

Participants:

- # of School Based Matches – 120 (as of the end of the school year)
- # of Community Based Matches - 37. Waiting List - 149
- # of Work Place Mentoring Matches - 9 (as of the end of the school year)

Program Highlights:

- John B. was contacted by officials in Oswego Co. regarding the possibility of starting a BBBS program there. More to come. The City of Oneida and the social services dept. in Waterloo NY have also expressed similar interests.
- The move of our offices into Sumner School went smoothly. We are slowly adapting to the operation here and we are looking forward to working with our new neighbors.
- We are working with our I.T. Dept in developing ways to provide mentoring services remotely and/or virtually. Our community based bigs and littles are allowed to spend time together in person as long as they follow all safety rules spelled out by BBBS. However, our school-based matches will need to take place remotely/virtually. We are in contact with the schools we partner with planning and preparing for our program. The challenge will be keeping remote mentoring interesting and stimulating enough, especially for the littles.
- We are working with Microsoft at Destiny to integrate learning and fun activities that our bigs and littles can share on-line.
- Congratulations to Haylee Wade, a recent Paul V. Moore grad (Central Sq) who earned a \$300 scholarship from BBBS through the Jacqueline A. Dimmock Memorial Scholarship Fund for her 3 years of dedication and excellent service to our program.

Upcoming Events:

- Scholarship presentation on Wed 9/16 (see above)
- Back-to-school supply give-away. At Sumner School. 10:00 am on Saturday Sept. 19th.
- Advisory Council Mtg. (remote). Wednesday Sept 30th. 5:30 pm.

Success Story:

The parent of one of our “littles” went to the annual [Central New York Family Bicycle Giveaway](#) in mid-August. He was disappointed to find that the event was cancelled for some unexplained reason. Prior to this, one of our match managers established a connection with the coordinator of this event



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to see if they could provide bikes to many of our littles. The match manager reached out to the coordinator regarding this particular little who did not receive a bike because of the cancellation. In the end, the parent was contacted and a bike was delivered to the little.