

## Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Report March 2021

### Participants:

- # of School Based Matches - 35
- # of Community Based Matches - 56. Waiting List - 140
- # of Work Place Mentoring Matches - 0 - SAS and BNY Mellon put us on pause.

### Program Highlights:

- Again, our community based program continues to do well. We are slowly but gradually adding new matches, we are taking in more bigs (mostly female) and we are receiving more inquiries on how to become involved.
- Our school-based match numbers are creeping up ever so slowly. Much of our remote mentoring involves small group and large group activities. In some cases, our school-based mentor managers have facilitated an in-person meet at the request of the big and the little/parent.
- Our 1<sup>st</sup> ever Spring Basket Give-Away was held on Saturday 3/27. Over 30 matched bigs and littles (60 participants total) came to Sumner to pick up baskets of candy, snacks, toys and gift cards.
- The Big Brothers Big Sisters Scramble will be our 1<sup>st</sup> ever fund-raising golf event that is scheduled for Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Sunset Ridge in Marcellus will play host that day.

### Upcoming Events:

- Advisory Council Mtg. (remote) on Wednesday April 14th at 5:30 pm.

### Success Story:

As you may know, our match managers have to conduct "match support" on a regular basis. They contact the bigs, the littles and the parents of the littles and ask them questions about how the match is going, what they've been doing for activities and if there is anything that they would like to see done differently. This is not only a safety feature, but it's an effective way of assessing the match.

Below is a reply from the mother of a little when asked if her daughter likes her big. The little suffers from social anxiety and up until she met her big, she would not leave the comfort of her home. Now the little and her big regularly enjoy ice skating, going to the movies and visiting Panera.

*"Emalie is enjoying her big. She looks forward to their time together every week. Today she stood in the front window waiting for her big 30 minutes before the time she was supposed to arrive."*