

## Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Report April 2021

### Participants:

- # of School Based Matches - 35
- # of Community Based Matches - 56. Waiting List - 142
- # 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.
- We have maintained the number of our school-based matches as our mentor managers continue to meet with bigs and littles remotely. There have been a handful of instances that the match managers have agreed to meet in-person with the bigs and littles out in the community just so that the bigs and littles can spend at least a few hours together rather than doing so through zoom.
- Both our school-based and community-based match managers continue to deliver meals, snacks, hygiene products and school supplies to the families of their littles. They have also made several mental health and family support referrals to other departments within the PEACE Inc. family. This all stems from the regularly scheduled match support communication (calls, emails, texts messages) that our match managers conduct with our clients.
- One of our current community-based bigs, Daniel Walcott, who has played 3 seasons now with the Syracuse Crunch, was recently called up to the Tampa Bay Lightning and played in his 1<sup>st</sup> ever NHL game.
- 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, 5/12, at 5:30.



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### Success Story:

Speaking of our big Daniel Walcott (see above).....

This is a note from Laura Prattico, one of our Mentor Managers.

Jeremiah Tillie-Scott, Little Brother (Dan Walcott, Big Brother, Syracuse Crunch player) was a recipient of a Chromebook at our giveaway back in December. In my recent match support, Dan and I were talking about Jeremiah and school. Dan says that since receiving "something to call his very own", Jeremiah has been much more invested in school and Zooming. Both Dan and Jeremiah's mother and seen a noted improvement both in grades and in his general attitude and willingness to be invested. He is proud of his Chromebook and loves it.