

Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Report August 2021

Participants:

- # of School Based Matches - ended school year with 40
- # of Community Based Matches - 49. Waiting List - 63 (recently updated)
- # of Work Place Mentoring Matches - 0 (school year ended)

Program Highlights:

- We are looking for a School Based Mentor Manager here in Syracuse (30 hrs/wk) as well as in Central Sq (2 afternoons a week for a total of 6 hours).
- Deb Jenkins, former School Based Mentor Manager, moved into the Community Based Mentor Manger's position that was vacated by Laura Prattico.
- We have been in regular contact with all the schools that we run program at trying to determine if they will allow us to run program in their schools this Fall. Thus far, they have all been non-committal, citing daily changes in COVID numbers and protocols that change their own plans each day.
- We have plans to add several venues to our worksite mentoring program. National Grid, Northwestern Mutual and Waygate Technologies have all given us verbal commitments to begin programming in their facilities when deemed safe to do so.
- The Big Brothers Big Sisters Scramble on July 16th was a huge success. Not only did we raise \$10, 200, pleasantly more than expected, but we made a lot of people aware of what Big Brothers Big Sisters is all about. We were able to network and promote the program extensively.
- We held our School Supply and Back Pack Give-Away on Aug. 21 at Sumner School. Over 30 matches participated. The field event portion of this day had to be postponed due to wet grounds at Santaro Park.
- Lynette Colon has moved from the Vice-President's role to that of President of our Advisory Council. Lynette's energy and commitment to the BBBS program will serve us well. Brian Conboy, who has been President for the past 2 years, requested to switch over to the Vice President's chair, allowing him to better balance his responsibilities with his work and his family.

Upcoming Events:

- Advisory Council Mtg. Sept 22nd Sumner School 5:30pm Zoom optional.



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Success Story:

The Barclay Damon Law Firm (Chris Harrigan) made a commitment three years ago to support our PEACE Inc. Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Since then, they have made \$\$\$ donations to us, enabling our staff to have the necessary program supplies on hand as well as to provide absolute necessities to the families in our program (when needed). Most recently, they sponsored our School Supply and Back Pack Give-Away, held on Aug 22nd here at Sumner School. Over 30 of our littles received pens, pencil, binders, note books, calculators, erasers, rulers, etc. as well as sturdy back packs to carry all these supplies around. We also had lunch for the littles, bigs, staff and volunteers that attended. In addition, it was a real treat to once again SEE the bigs and littles that our staff works with (usually over the phone or through e-mails and texts). Thanks to all the good folks at Barclay Damon, there will be a bunch of students who will be more than ready to get off to a great start to the new school year knowing that they have all the supplies they need to be successful.