

Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Report May 2021

Participants:

- # of School Based Matches - 35
- # of Community Based Matches - 57. Waiting List - 60 (recently updated)
- # 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 mentor managers are starting to wrap up the remote matches and group mentoring sessions that they have kept up in the last 6 months or so. They are now planning year ending activities for bigs and littles.
- Our school-based mentor managers continue to deliver meals, snacks, hygiene products and school supplies to the families of their littles.
- The Big Brothers Big Sisters Scramble will be our 1st ever fund-raising golf event that is scheduled for Friday, July 16th. Sunset Ridge in Marcellus will play host that day.

Upcoming Events:

- Advisory Council Mtg. (remote) on Wednesday, 6/16, at 5:30.

Success Story:

There is no one specific story this month, rather, a handful of observations that were made by our staff.

Ever since COVID hit 14 months ago, our BBBS staff have discovered ways...different ways...other than mentoring...in which our families needed us. Through our regular schedule of match support contacts, we discovered that the littles and their families were in need of food, personal hygiene products, school supplies, and in some cases, means of communication (computers, phones, minutes, etc).

So in conjunction with our Food Services and IT Departments, our staff has been delivering all of the



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aforementioned items to the families 2-3 times a month. It is during these deliveries that we are able to see the strife that our families are dealing with. At the same time, we are able to experience the joy and relief that they express when we bring supplies to their doorstep. The smiles on their faces, especially the kids, and their words of appreciation help us realize how much of a need there is to serve these families. We also get to truly feel good about being able to help. Staff members need that feedback...that satisfaction...once in a while. Our delivery trips are a wonderful thing.