



**Big Brothers  Big Sisters of
Onondaga County**

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The following is a report for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program activities for the month of October, 2016:

As of 10/31/16 we have a total of 60 open matches through the Community-Based or Traditional Mentoring program. This past month, two matches were made and 3 were closed. The current waiting/applicant list is now up to 69 children, with the following breakdown:

Girl's Applicant list: 4 - Waiting list: 20
Boy's Applicant list: 6 - Waiting list: 39

Our new Site-Based Mentoring partnership between McKinley Brighton Elementary School and the employees at Ban of New York Mellon has started. There are 11 "little" brothers and sisters from McKinley who are matched with employees from BNY Mellon. They met a couple of times already during the month of October and things have gone very well. The BNY Mellon in addition to the funding provided for the program has now decided to provide healthy snacks & juices for those participating in the program. Congressman John Katko was present at the inauguration of the program; he addressed both the "littles" and their mentors and wished them well.

All of the City of Syracuse School-Based programs continue to run as scheduled. Programs at both Paul V. Moore H.S. in Central Square and at C-NS have started their mentoring meetings as well.

BBBS Director made a presentation to the seniors at the Eastwood Center for a potential mentoring partnership with children from Huntington Elementary through the School-Based program.

BBBS program provided The Ashley Home store Furniture with a list of 10 “littles” enrolled in our program who will be receiving the benefit of getting a new bed and all the bedding stuff items needed. This is made possible through our partnership with Ashley Home store Corporation. The beds & bedding items will be delivered to the families the first week in November.

Our School-Based mentoring partnership between Bishop Ludden H.S. and the “littles” from Most Holy Rosary was featured on Syracuse.com. A reporter came over to visit the mentoring session between the mentors from B. Ludden and their “littles” and was able to interview several of them.

BBBS Director and some of the staff attended Child Safety & Mandated Reporter training at Summer School site and provided by Maria Taddeo, Child Support Specialist from PEACE Inc. This is a required course for all of PEACE staff that works directly with children enrolled in our programs.

“Bigs” and “littles” from the School-Based Mentoring partnership between Syracuse University and Doctor King Elementary went out to the annual Greek-a-treat at Manley Field House. This is something that the SU mentors have done for the “littles” in the program every year. Transportation to and from was provided by Durham Services.

BBBS program Director attended the CLP meeting at the Frank DeFrancisco’s Community Center in Eastwood.



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Two new matches were made in October, 2016

“Big” sister Beth Meyer, 33, matched with “Little” sister Reome, age 12.
Referred by: a friend in the BBBS program in Buffalo.

“Big” brother Sam Sinykin, age 21, matched with “Little” brother Jamier, age 10.
Referred by: his mom, she used to work at PEACE Inc.

Total number of volunteers ready to be matched: 3

Volunteer interviews: 2
Parent/child interviews: 2

Other events attended by BBBS staff:

Child Safety & Mandated reporter training at Sumner School.