



Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Report January 2019

Participants:

- # of School Based Matches – 68.
- # of Community Based Matches – 53. Waiting List – 130.
- # of Work Place Mentoring Matches – 8.

Program Highlights:

- The Syracuse Crunch has produced a video showing our volunteer big, Crunch defenseman Daniel Walcott, walking around the team's facilities and meeting all the players. The video also includes an interview with Daniel as he mentions the highlights of the match thus far.
- BBBS set up a recruiting table at 4 Crunch games during January. We were able to speak with several interested individuals and may end up with a few new bigs as a result.
- Stephanie Bingham, our Program Asst for the past 21 month, has taken a new position at our West Side Family Resource Center. Nick Vitalone, a recent SU grad, will assume her duties for the time being until we can take adequate time to recruit and hire someone permanently.
- Kathleen Ford, our Advisory Council President, has stepped down from that position due to personal reasons. Brian Conboy, Vice President, will assume Kathy's duties for the time being.

Upcoming Events:

- We will be taking 30 of our school based littles to the Harlem Globetrotters game on March 10th. We have arranged for them to meet the players before the game and will be able to go on the court for some basketball lessons from the team.

Success Story:

From James Fitzgibbons, one of our Community Based mentor managers...

"There is the John Huyser (big) and Joe Carmosino's (little) match. They have been matched since Halloween of 2014. They had been spending a lot of time together. John's hours would range from 8-16 a month, well over what we ask of bigs. They would run a lot of 5k's and do various other activities, including going to just about every BBBS event we had. John, a little over a year ago, decided to go back to college for his Master's degree. Even though he now lives near and goes to Buffalo State University, he still comes to the Syracuse area at least once a month to see Joe and continue his match with him."