



## Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Report September 2018

### **Participants:**

- # of School Based Matches – 40. We anticipate 130 total once all programs are set.
- # of Community Based Matches – 69. Waiting List – 113.
- # of Work Place Mentoring Matches – 10.

### **Program Highlights:**

- We had a sluggish response from those individuals who signed up to be bigs at our booth during the State Fair. However, now that we are sending reminder e-mails to these people, some are sending their applications in. We will remain in contact with those on the list.
- Two of our school based managers have resigned....Evelyn Bliss, one of our Central Sq. managers, and Joya King, a manager here in Syracuse.
- We also had our two community based managers, Ebony Letlough and Sadequa Fore, leave for positions at other agencies.
- We have hired James Fitzgibbons as our new Senior Community Based Manager. James was a manager for us for several years in the past and is now bringing back a wealth of mentoring knowledge and experience. James will be attending a Regional Training Conference in Philadelphia later this month.
- Our remaining school based manager, veteran Bonnie Belcher, will have her 4 school matches up and running in a week or so. Her schools are: Seymour-Nottingham, Fowler-Delaware, Corcoran-Roberts and SU-Dr. King. Once we hire our 2<sup>nd</sup> school based manager, our programs will be operating at the following schools: Bishop Grimes-Blessed Sacrament, LeMoyne College-LeMoyne Elementary, Bishop Ludden-Rosary and CNS-Roxboro Rd.
- We will be taking Community Based matches to the SU football game on 10/27.
- We will be partnering with Eddie Bauer and Old Navy at Destiny USA in an effort to recruit Community Based bigs.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Advisory Council Mtg. Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30
- SU Football game Oct 27th



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### **Success Story:**

Ashely Home Store has notified us that they will continue to partner with us on the Hope To Dream project. Ashley makes 30 bed sets (mattress, frame, sheets, pillows, etc) available to our families in need...for FREE. We simply provide the names and contact information of the families to Ashley and the families go pick up the donated items. If a family is unable to transport the bed home, we will make arrangements to pick it up for them and deliver it to their residence. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year now that we are working as partners with Ashley. Last May the Ashley folks at the Camillus store received our Corporate Partnership Award for their continued support of our program.