

Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Report November 2019

Participants:

- # of School Based Matches - 76 - not all programs are up and running just yet.
- # of Community Based Matches - 62. Waiting List - 155.
- # of Work Place Mentoring Matches - 9

Program Highlights:

- Colleen Linn, the school based mentor manager that was hired in September, has left our program.
- Laura Prattico has assumed James Fitzgibbons role as Community Based Mentor Manager. Laura has been bravely juggling both the Program Ass't role and her new job for the past month.
- Jillian Merkel is our new Program Ass't. Jillian comes to us from South Bend, Indiana. She and her family currently reside in Cazenovia.
- The makers of Dial Soap, in conjunction with BBBSA, have initiated a program for kids that promotes personal hygiene. Using the actual Dial products, our BBBS littles and bigs have been involved in the prescribed activities for over a month now.
- Last year we ended the year with 3 bigs at Bishop Ludden. With the assistance of their new Assistant Principal and Administrative Ass't, we now have 25 active bigs.
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Upcoming Events:

- Advisory Council Meeting....Wednesday, December 4th...5:30 pm.
- Holiday party....Sunday December 8th

Success Story:

A new trend in mentoring has been “couples” matches. This is when a husband/wife, boyfriend/girlfriend or significant other/significant other team up to be bigs for one little. One particular husband/wife duo from New Hartford became bigs to a little in E. Syracuse about 8 months ago. This little lives with his grandparents. Up until this past summer, the little was very active with his grandfather. They did everything together. Unfortunately, the grandfather’s health has suffered and he cannot do nearly as much with the little as he once did. So the couple from New Hartford has picked up the slack and now occupies much of the little’s time. They have taught him to cook and the little has taught them to use the computer and social media. They get along wonderfully. A match made in heaven.