

## Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Report September 2021

### Participants:

- # of School Based Matches - ended school year with 40
- # of Community Based Matches - 47. Waiting List - 61 (recently updated)
- # of Work Place Mentoring Matches - 0 (school year ended)

### Program Highlights:

- We are looking for a School Based Mentor Manager here in Syracuse (30 hrs/wk) as well as in Central Sq (2 afternoons a week for a total of 6 hours).
- We have been in regular contact with all the schools that we run program at trying to determine if they will allow us to run program in their schools this Fall. Thus far, they have all been non-committal, citing daily changes in COVID numbers and protocols that change their own plans each day. We do have clearance to run programs at Bishop Grimes and Bishop Ludden with their 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders mentoring their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Lynette Colon has moved from the Vice-President's role to that of President of our Advisory Council. Lynette's energy and commitment to the BBBS program will serve us well. The Vice-President's chair is vacant at this time.
- We held our Field Event Day on Saturday 10/2 at Santaro Park. Over 50 bigs and littles attended. Chick-fil-A provided lunch for us on a beautiful sunny Fall day. 17 honor students from the SCSD assisted our staff and Advisory Council members.

### Upcoming Events:

- Advisory Council Mtg. Tues Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. Zoom

### Success Story:

From the parent of one of our littles... When asked if she's noticed any changes in her son's behavior (good or bad) since having a BB; mom states everything has been good. "After talking to the Big her son says he will understand why I ask him to do things and why I get upset. When asked to clarify that, she stated that her son never understood why she would get upset whenever she asked him to do things and he wouldn't do what she asked. His BB has explained to him why parents react to things certain ways and he also has helped his little to understand the importance of helping mom out and listening to her rules. She states her son has improved so much and is more responsible and respectful since having a male role model come in to his life.