



**Big Brothers  Big Sisters of
Onondaga County**

Prepared for: David Scharoun, Board President & PEACE Inc. Board Members
Prepared by: Oscar Vergara, Director
Subject: BBBS Program Report
Date: February 10, 2016

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

As of 1/31/16 we have a total of 68 open matches through the Community-Based/Traditional Mentoring program. This past month, we were able to make one new match and four were closed. The current waiting/applicant list now has 58 children. The breakdown is as follows:

Girl's Applicant list: 11 - Waiting list: 3
Boy's Applicant list: 27 - Waiting list: 17

Volunteer orientation for 5 potential new "Bigs" was held at the BBBS offices at the end of January. We expect to have these volunteers matched by the middle of the month, therefore adding 5 new matches to our total.

School-Based programs are back in full swing after the mid-winter recess. A request for another School-Based program has been received by our office. Preliminary conversations were held with the school's representative to investigate the possibilities of adding another program.

BBBS program was highlighted in the TWCNY news. One of our "Bigs" Al Heeney was interviewed and asked about the program and why he has been a "big" for so many years. Al has been a "Big" for over 25 years now and is in the process of being matched again as his "little" has aged out of the program.

BBBS staff met with Peggie Chan, AC member and with Kellyann Kanaley, the Graphic Designer who is working on the design of the new BFKS brochure and poster that are to be distributed for the upcoming BFKS.

BBBS program is applying to SEFCU for funding for its Bowl For Kids' Sake event. The application has to be completed on-line and a response from may come at the end of March, as it will take four to five weeks for their response.

BBBS program Director attended a meeting with other PEACE Inc. program directors to discuss the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade. As discussed at the last meeting, BBBS program matches will be marching in the parade and we hope to have as many of the AC council members to march as well.

BBBS Director spoke with David Filipski regarding participation in an upcoming event, the Challenge Course, scheduled for Saturday, June 25th. Details to be provided at the AC meeting.

UPCOMING SPONSORED BBBS EVENTS

**** BBBS night at the Syracuse Silver Knights Soccer Game
Sunday, Feb 28th at 4:00 pm**

**** St. Patrick's Day Parade - March 12, 11:00 AM**

**** Bowl For Kids' Sake @ Flamingo Bowl Rt. 57 in Liverpool
Sunday, April 10th from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM**



Onondaga County

One new match was made in January, 2016

Total number of volunteers ready to be matched: 5

Other activities by the Mentor Managers included:

Volunteer interviews:	2
Parent/child interviews:	4

Volunteer orientation conducted at BBBS offices.