



**Big Brothers  Big Sisters of
Onondaga County**

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

As of 2/29/16 we had a total of 71 open matches through the Community-Based/Traditional Mentoring program. This past month, we were able to make 5 new matches and 2 were closed. The current waiting/applicant list now has 53 children. The breakdown is as follows:

**Girl's Applicant list: 5 - Waiting list: 10
Boy's Applicant list: 16 - Waiting list: 22**

BBBS staff attended the Community Services Expo. at Onondaga Community College for recruitment purposes. Over a dozen applications were handed out to potential volunteers.

One of our matches is going to be highlighted in the Eagles' Bulletin as they are getting ready to do a piece on Volunteering in our Community. A match was selected to be interviewed and highlighted by this newspaper.

Matches from the Community-Based program as well as the "Bigs" and "Littles" form the School-Based partnership between Bishop Ludden H.S. and Most Holy Rosary attended the Silver Knights game. Our "littles" were able to go on the field and "throw" BBBS t-shirts to those attending the game.

BBBS Director was interviewed by a representative from the local NAACP as our program is being considered for an Award at their annual luncheon. The award winners will be announced later on this month.

BBBS program Director attended a Senior Staff meeting with other PEACE Inc. program directors to provide an update on the program.

BBBS has received notification from CDBG that it will not receive funding for next year. Funding provided through CDBG was to pay for transportation for the School-Based mentoring programs which is provided through Durham Transportation Services. As is stands, funding will be provided through the end of April, 2016.

An Advisory Council retreat is being planned for the month of June, date and site to be announced.

UPCOMING SPONSORED BBBS EVENTS

**** 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**

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Five new matches were made in February, 2016

“Big” sister Theresa Lawrence, 28, matched with “Little” sister Kiona, age 9.
Referred by: Pat Hillery, AC member.

“Big” sister Meryl Corsun, 26, matched with “Little” sister Azharia, age 11.
Referred by: a presentation by BBBS Director.

“Big” sister Brenna Besemer, 31, matched with “Little” sister Shajana, age 6.
Referred by: her father. He was a former big in another state

“Big” brother Michael Saccone, 52, matched with “Little” brother Troy, age 7.
Referred by: Michael was a former big, being re-matched.

“Big” brother Gary Falco, 64 and “Big” sister Linda Falco 59, matched as a couple’s match with “Little” brother Giovanni, age 8.
Referred by: found out about BBBS over the internet.

Total number of volunteers ready to be matched: **

Volunteer interviews:	1
Parent/child interviews:	12

Other events attended by BBBS staff:

Syracuse Silver Knights game

Community Services Expo. at Onondaga Community College