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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Onondaga County

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The following is a report for the BBBS program activities for the month of March, 2014:

- ❖ As of March 31, we have a total of **81 open matches** in the Community-Based Mentoring program. This past month we made two new matches and five were closed. The waiting/applicant list has increased again and now has 69 **children**. The breakdown is as follows:

Girl's Applicant list: 4 - Waiting list: 26
Boy's Applicant list: 6 - Waiting list: 33

- ❖ Bowl For Kids' Sake event was held again at Flamingo Bowl in Liverpool. Despite a lower turnout and reduction in community sponsorships, the event was a success and produced a net of just over \$26,000 for the program.
- ❖ BBBS program received a generous sponsorship from Lockheed Martin at the rate of \$12,000 towards the amount raised during this year's Bowl For Kids' Sake.
- ❖ "Bigs" and "Littles" from the Traditional Mentoring program attended the Syracuse Silver Knights soccer game at the Onondaga County War Memorial. Our "Little" brothers and sisters had the opportunity to walk out on the field with the Silver Knights players and were also involved in the distribution of commemorative BBBS/Silver Knight t-shirts to the audience.
- ❖ BBBS Program Director attended a CLP meeting for Program Directors at the Eastwood Community Center.

- ❖ Program Director made a BBBS program overview presentation to the members of the Chittenango High School Mentoring Initiative and met with their “Bigs” and “Littles” to provide an in-depth review of how our programs operate in Syracuse and in Central Square. This school had made a request to be allowed to participate as a BBS member however they are in Madison County, therefore outside of the areas we serve.
- ❖ BBBS Program Director and staff met with a representative from the State to discuss the recently received DJCS grant of \$25,000 to BBBS to support our School-Based Mentoring programs. We were able to review all program & fiscal reporting requirements with her.
- ❖ Haylor Freyer & Coon hosted the Big Brothers Big Sisters at the Crunch game on Saturday, March 22. We were very excited having our “Bigs” and “littles” participate. One of our matches was selected to drop the puck and another “Little” was able to read the winning ticket number for a Syracuse Crunch Hockey Stick. Staff from BBBS was at an informational table to provide information & applications to the public.
- ❖ The employees of Pyramid and Destiny USA selected BBBS as the beneficiary of their “Jeans to Work Day”, where their employees made a donation of \$10 each to be able to wear jeans on that day. Additionally, the company offered BBBS an opportunity to have an informational table to help promote our program. I believe this arrangement was made through a connection made by Matt Holt. Thank you Matt.
- ❖ A BBBS brief program was has been submitted to the Syracuse.com for their “What Works” segment. We are still waiting to hear from them.

UPCOMING BBBS EVENTS

Annual Volunteer Dinner - Drumlins – Thursday May 1st

Fishing Derby – Shove Park – Saturday, May 10th