



**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 March, 2016:**

**As of 3/31/16 we had a total of 68 open matches through the Community-Based/Traditional Mentoring program. This past month, we made 2 new matches and 5 were closed. The current waiting/applicant list now has 53 children. The breakdown is as follows:**

**Girl's Applicant list: 0 - Waiting list: 10  
Boy's Applicant list: 2 - Waiting list: 33**

**BBBS Director reached out to and made a program overview presentation to the Men in Action group from the Apostolic Church for recruitment purposes. They have committed to be a part of the fishing derby this year and perhaps even consider hosting an event for the children on the waiting list.**

**BBBS Director went to 93Q to promote our upcoming event, Bowl For Kids' Sake. and to speak about the BBBS program, to ask members of our community to come on board as mentors.**

**Orientation was conducted here at the BBBS offices for 5 potential "Bigs". One of them has been matched already, the other ones are in the process of being matched.**

**The Big Brothers Big Sisters program attended the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Close to 60 people, between "Bigs" and their "littles" and program staff, marched in the parade. This was a great opportunity for our program to be seen again out in the community. Transportation to and from the event was provided again by Durham Transport Services.**

**Once again this year, the Big Brothers Big Sisters' BFKS event received sponsorship from Lockheed Martin in the amount of \$15,000. They are the "Premier" sponsor for the event.**

**The Big Brothers Big Sisters program Director has been selected to receive a 2016 Syracuse/Onondaga County NAACP Distinguished Service Award. The Freedom Award is designed to recognize individuals who have made a significant impact in the community.**

**BBBS program Director attended a Public Hearing at the Common Council Chamber and spoke to the Community Development Commissioner and his staff, on behalf of the children served by our program, about the recent funding cut that cover covers the School-Based transportation. Close to 90 children are currently utilizing the transportation services.**

**One of our "Big" brothers Dan Wright and his "little" brother Davian were guests at the Ted & Amy In the Morning Show at the 93Q Radio station. Both Dan and Davian spoke about their match, which has been going on for 3 years now and also spoke about the upcoming Bowl For Kids' Sake.**

**Programs from the School-Based partnership had their mid-winter field trips. The partnerships who participated were:**

- \*\*Most Holy Rosary & Bishop Ludden - Went ice skating to Sunnycrest.**
- \*\*LeMoyne Elementary & LeMoyne College-- Went to Empire Buffet.**
- \*\*McKinley Brighton & Bishop Ludden - Went on a field trip to Chuck & Cheese**
- \*\*Roxboro Elementary & CNS - Went to Ling-Ling Buffet.**

**BBBS program Director attended a second Public Hearing at the Common Council Chambers at City Hall to again speak against the funding cuts from CDBG. At this meeting, we also had Ms. Renné Burgess, the Vice Principal at McKinley Brighton Elementary School, who spoke to the Council members on justifying the importance of the mentoring program in schools. She stated that at her school alone, 11 out of 13 "littles" have achieved high academic progress and she attributed that to the extra help the children receive during the mentoring session.**

**BBBS program Director attended a CLP meeting along with other PEACE Inc. program directors to provide an update on the program.**

**The Advisory Council retreat date has been selected: Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> at the O'Brien & Gere offices on Armory Square.**

## **UPCOMING SPONSORED BBBS EVENTS**

- \*\* Bowl For Kids' Sake @ Flamingo Bowl Rt. 57 in Liverpool  
Sunday, April 10th from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM**
- \*\* Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – at Drumlins -**
- \*\*Team Adventure Outing – June 25, 2016**



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Two new matches were made in March, 2016

“Big” sister **Sarah Abbott**, 20, matched with “Little” sister Alayna, age 10.  
Referred by: School-Based Mentor Manager.

“Big” sister Sarah Walton, 25, matched with “Little” sister Navaeh, age 7.  
Referred by: Sarah was a former “Big” sister.

Total number of volunteers ready to be matched: 4

Volunteer interviews:	5
Parent/child interviews:	4

Other events attended by BBBS staff:

St. Patrick’s Day Parade

Volunteer Orientation