



**Big Brothers  Big Sisters of
Onondaga County**

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The following is a report for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program activities as of August 31, 2015:

As of 8/31 we have a total of 72 open matches through the Community-Based/traditional Mentoring program. This past month, we made 3 new matches and 5 were closed. The current waiting/applicant list now has 55 children. The breakdown is as follows:

**Girl's Applicant list: 5 - Waiting list: 8
Boy's Applicant list: 22 - Waiting list: 20**

Youth Day at the Fair – Several matches from our BBBS program were able to attend the Youth Day at the Fair. Those in attendance were given a ride bracelet and a \$5 concession stand coupon. Transportation to and from the event was provided by Durham Transportation Services.

Volunteer Training & Orientation was provided for several volunteers at the BBBS offices. Orientation was conducted by the BBBS staff.

BBBS program Director conducted a program overview presentation to staff members at JC Penney's at Destiny USA Mall as part of their initial United Way campaign. As usual, information and brochures about the program were distributed among those in attendance.

BBBS program Director conducted several interviews for the Mentor Manager's vacancy. Two final candidates were selected for a second interview with Cathy Green, HR Director at PEACE Inc.

School-Based Mentor Managers are back and currently planning the recruitment days for them to be in the schools. This year we hope to have the same number of school participating in the program. There was a request from a school in LaFayette District looking to come under the auspices of BBBS.

BBBS program Director, our Advisory Council president and one of the board members met with Joe O'Hara, Executive Director and Cathy Green, Human Resources Director to address the turnover of Mentor Managers being experienced at BBBS. We all agreed on one thing and that is that what we offer as our starting salary is not enough for us to be able to retain staff. Several options were explored hoping to alleviate this situation.

BBBS Director attended the monthly CLP meeting for Program Directors at PEACE Inc. over at the main office.

UPCOMING BBBS EVENTS

Champions of Adversity Dinner - Sept. 30th at Drumlins



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Three new matches were made in August, 2015:

“Big” sister Nicole Habek, age 26, was matched with “little” sister Savannah, age 8.

Source of Referral: Referred by a friend who is a “Big” in the Bronx.

“Big” sister Alexandra Marini, age 28, was matched with “little” sister Skydyn, age 9.

Source of Referral: Heard about BBBS at a Prevention Network training.

“Big” brother Mohammed Tungara, age 25, was matched with “little” brother Shontez, age 10.

Source of Referral: Referred by a friend who is a “Big” in the Bronx.

Total number of volunteers ready to be matched: 2

Other activities by the Mentor Managers included:

Volunteer interviews:	2
Parent/child interviews:	2

Volunteer orientation at BBBS offices.

Attended Youth Day at the Fair.