



**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 September, 2015:

As of 9/30/15 we have a total of 73 open matches through the Community-Based/Traditional Mentoring program. This past month, we made 2 new matches and 1 was closed. The current waiting/applicant list now has 55 children. The breakdown is as follows:

Girl's Applicant list: 10 - Waiting list: 7
Boy's Applicant list: 22 - Waiting list: 21

A new Mentor Manager, David Kozlowski has been hired. David comes to us with lots of energy and experience after working with youth through the Hillside Center and the Elmcrest Center.

BBBS program Director conducted a program overview presentation to staff from different schools attending the ADA-PEP Community Resource Review workshop out at BOCES. Requests were made to explore potential BBBS School-Based partnerships with other schools.

Visionworks, a leading provider of eye care services, has partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters to provide FREE Eye Exam & Eyeglasses Vouchers for "Littles" through their "Let's Go See" Campaign! This happens to be just in time for back-to-school. A letter has been sent to all the "little" brothers and sisters enrolled in our program urging them to take advantage of this opportunity. The free screening will be conducted done at our BBBS offices on October 24th. from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

A meeting with Ms. Kelly Taylor from the Jim and Juli Boehim Foundation and Mr. Tony Congel, was held at our office to go over details of the Room4 Kids' project. One of our "little" brothers has been selected to have his room painted by Mr. Congel. There are 3 more "littles" waiting to get theirs done as well.

BBBS staff attended the 28th Annual Show & Tell sponsored by the Syracuse/Onondaga County Youth Bureau/Department of Children & Family Services at the Liverpool Public Library.

BBBS staff attended a Service Fair conducted at Bishop Ludden H.S. with the purpose of volunteer recruitment. Program information and applications were handed out to potential H.S. volunteer mentors.

BBBS staff met with the new Vice-Principal at McKinley Brighton to discuss this year's School-Based programs. Last year we had this school participate twice, Mondays and Fridays. They will only have one day this year, Wednesdays, in order to increase participation from the "littles".

BBBS program Director met with the Principal at Most Holy Rosary to discuss the option of having a School-Based mentoring program there. I am pleased to report that a new mentoring partnership has been created between Most Holy Rosary and Bishop Ludden H.S.

BBBS program Director attended the United Way Speakers' Bureau training conducted at the United Way and provided new speakers with ideas & information regarding community presentations.

BBBS Advisory Council members and staff attended the PEACE Inc. Champions of Diversity Dinner at Drumlins. A special thank you to those who attended the event.

BBBS Director attended the monthly CLP meeting for Program Directors at PEACE Inc. over at the Eastwood Community Center.

UPCOMING BBBS EVENTS

Visions Works Project - October 24th at BBBS



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Two new matches were made in September, 2015:

“Big” sister Bridget Baker, age 23, was matched with “little” sister Angel, age 10.

Source of Referral: Found out about it in the Internet.

“Big” sister Barbara Schloss, age 57, was matched with “little” sister Serenity, age 9.

Source of Referral: Heard about BBBS from a presentation by BBBS Director.

Total number of volunteers ready to be matched: 1

Other activities by the Mentor Managers included:

Volunteer interviews:	1
Parent/child interviews:	2