

P.E.A.C.E., Inc.



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The following is a report for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program activities for the month October, 2014:

Currently we have a total of **80 open matches** through the Community-Based Mentoring program. This past month, we made 1 new match and we had 1 closure. The current waiting/applicant list has **51 children**. The breakdown is as follows:

Girl's Applicant list: 9 - Waiting list: 8
Boy's Applicant list: 19 - Waiting list: 15

School-Based programs have started at most of the schools. Recruitment and interviewing was completed, with many returning "Bigs" from last year. Transportation home is being provided by Durham Transport as expected.

BBBS staff attended PEACE Inc. Wellness Day at Sumner School. An event put together by PEACE for all the employees.

A new BBBS Mentor Manager, Emily G. Anderson, has started with us replacing Brittany Williams. We welcome Emily to our program.

BBBS Program Director and several of the Advisory Council members attended the PEACE Annual Champions of Diversity Dinner at the MOST. Event seemed well attended.

BBBS Director attended a meeting with PEACE Inc. Director, Joe O'Hara and with Frank Lazarsky, United Way Director, to make a special presentation to all of the Program Directors at PEACE. This year, PEACE Inc. is receiving funding for 3 different programs, BBBS, Food Services and the Earned Income Tax Credit.

BBBS Director has made several presentations through the United Way campaign. Presentations were made at the following sites:

- Jacquith Industries
- Loretto Sedgwick Heights
- Lockheed Martin

BBBS Director made a program overview presentation to students at the Expeditionary Learning Middle School as they were interested in writing a book about mentoring and how to get involved. This book will be made out to the public at a ceremony on May 7, 2015.

BBBS Program Director and several matches attended the Syracuse University football game against North Carolina State. “Bigs” and “littles” received a ticket and a concession stand coupon for the game. These tickets were once again donated by an alumni group from Syracuse University.

BBBS Director met once again with General Manager Brett Wester, from Durham Transportation services to discuss the possibility of a reduction on the fee for services. Mr. Wester informed me that his Regional Director stated that they have gone as low as they go with the fee and cannot lower it anymore. He has invited us to look at other potential service providers and compare the fees as he feels that they are offering the best price that anyone can give us. Originally they had asked for \$21,000 per year, that know has been reduced to \$12,500.

“littles” from Dr. King School, attended Greek-a-treat with their mentors from Syracuse University partnership, at Manley Field House. This has become an annual event for the “littles” at Dr. King.

BBBS Program Director attended a CLP meeting for Program Directors at the Eastwood Community Center.

UPCOMING BBBS EVENTS

Holiday Party – Saturday, December 6th

Bowl For Kids’ Sake - Sunday, March 29, 2015

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1 new match was made in October, 2014:

“Big” brother John Huyser, age 29, matched with “little” brother Joseph, age 9.
Referral source: was a former “Big” brother in Hawaii

UPCOMING MATCHES INFORMATION:

1 new Big/Little Brother match was made in October

1 Big/Little Brother match was closed because Little turned 18

1 incoming Big Sister is ready to be interviewed, then Orientation, then matched

2 incoming Big Sisters are ready to be matched

1 incoming Big Brother is ready to be matched

1 incoming Big Sister's Orientation is scheduled for 11/5 and she'll be ready to be matched

2 prospective Big Sisters' and 1 Big Brothers' applications are in process

Other activities by the Mentor Managers included:

Volunteer interviews: 1

Parent/child interviews: 1

BBBS sponsored events attended by staff:

Syracuse University football game