



**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 October, 2015:

As of 10/1/15 we had a total of 66 open matches through the Community-Based/Traditional Mentoring program. This past month, did not make any matches and closed 7. The current waiting/applicant list now has 63 children. The breakdown is as follows:

Girl's Applicant list: 9 - Waiting list: 10
Boy's Applicant list: 22 - Waiting list: 22

Another Mentor Manager, James Fitzgibbons has been hired. James is a graduate of LeMoyne College with experience working with youth.

BBBS program Director and the Paul V. Moore School-Based mentor managers met with Mr. Sam Crissafulli, from the Oswego County Youth Bureau to conduct the annual on-site monitoring visit and to discuss the new funding application for next year.

BBBS staff conducted interviews at C-NS High School for this year's School-Based Mentoring program. This program has grown steadily for the last few years, with the largest number of high school mentors available. Through a partnership with Tops Market, a grant was secured to provide arts & crafts as well as healthy snacks for the "littles" in program. This grant will be coming to an end this year.

Big Brothers Big Sisters received an on-site visit from the United Way program monitors as they were interested in finding out more about the BBBS programs and wanted to see how United Way is featured in our pamphlets & brochures, etc. The first Room4 Kids project for our “littles” was completed by Mr. Anthony Congel. An official presentation of the room by Coach Jim Boeheim was conducted at the home of “little” brother Shontez. The event was well covered by the media, Channels 3 and 9 as well as by the Syracuse.com. Three more “little” brothers and sisters will have their rooms made over in the near future.

BBBS staff attended the annual PEACE Inc. Wellness Day at Sumner School. One of our board members, David Filipski conducted workshops for the PEACE staff on how to better manage your finances.

“Little” brothers from the Dr. King Elementary School-Based Mentoring program and their “Bigs” from Syracuse University attended the annual Greek-or-Treat event at Manley Field House. Transportation to and from the event was provided by PEACE Inc.

BBBS program Director conducted a program overview presentation at The Bonadio Group as part of their United Way campaign. BBBS applications were handed out as well to those who attended the presentation

BBBS program Director conducted a program overview presentation to the Weatherization program staff as part of PEACE’s internal United Way campaign.

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

UPCOMING BBBS EVENTS

Room4 Kids Project - TBA

Holiday party – B. Ludden H.S. 12-5-15



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No new matches were made in October, 2015:

Total number of volunteers ready to be matched: 5

*Orientation scheduled for 11-13-15

Other activities by the Mentor Managers included:

Volunteer interviews: 6

Parent/child interviews: 0

On-line trainings were completed by the Mentor Managers.