

Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Report December 2022

Participants:

- # of School Based Matches - 0 but we are in the process of opening up 75
- # of Community Based Matches -57. Waiting List - 50
- # of Work Place Mentoring Matches - 0 (COVID pause)

Program Highlights:

- We will be opening up our school-based program with 5 pairs of schools next week. We are looking to have 18 matches at Bishop Ludden (Seymour and Rosary littles). CNS-Roxboro Rd, Fowler-Delaware, Corcoran-Roberts and SU-Porter are the other pairings.
- Over 150 bigs, littles, family members and supporters were on hand at Bishop Ludden on Dec. 11th for our annual Holiday Party. This marked the first time since 2019 that this event was held indoors. We had a face painter, a video booth, a DJ, winter clothing (donated by the Sheriff's Dept), gifts (donated by the Emmanuel Church), games/contests and a hot meal for all of our guests. 15 volunteers as well as Advisory Council members assisted with the effort.
- We provided gifts cards from Walmart and Aldi to the families of our littles and Byrne Dairy gift cards to all of our bigs, volunteers and Advisory Council members for the holidays.
- Community-based mentor manager Deb Jenkins will be retiring at the end of February. We are so happy for Deb as she has many activities and goals outside of work, but we will miss her very much.

Upcoming Events:

Advisory Council Mtg...Monday Feb 13th at 5:30 at Coppertop Rest. In Camillus

Painting With A Twist...Saturday Jan 7th at 1:00 Sumner School (for bigs and littles)

Success Story:

Match manager Latasha Wilson reports that we have a little who was going through some very difficult personal/family circumstances last year but her big was there for her every step of the way. With the support and guidance of her big, the little is now showing improved grades and attendance in school, has joined several activities/clubs in and out of school (Girl Scouts, school play) and the little's grandmother(custodial) states that the little seems so much happier and healthier, mostly as a result of the close relationship she has developed with the big.