

Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Report September 2022

Participants:

- # of School Based Matches - 0
- # of Community Based Matches -58. Waiting List - 43
- # of Work Place Mentoring Matches - 0 (COVID pause)

Program Highlights:

- We have combined our two school based mentor manager positions into just one. This makes the position far more attractive and much easier to hire for. After months of not having any success in recruiting candidates, we immediately we had several looking to fill the position and we hired one very dynamic young lady. Carla Aquino was added to our staff in mid-September. We will be late in starting up our school based programs, but we've already been in the schools laying the groundwork for what promises to be a very excited return to in-person mentoring.
- Our giant kickball game, goofy Olympics and back-to-school supply give-away at Santaro Park on Sept 10th was a huge success. Over 75 bigs and littles attended.

Upcoming Events:

Advisory Council Mtg...Monday Oct 17th at 5:30

Fall Ball...bowling event for bigs and littles...Flamingo Bowl...Friday Oct. 21st at 6:00

Trick or Trunk...BBBS will participate in the massive candy give-away at OCC...Sunday Oct 30th at 1:00

Success Story:

One of our littles, initials EM, has been in a match for almost 3 years now. In each of these years her grades at school have gradually improved. This past school year she had the best school year ever (grades and simply enjoying her time there). Her teachers report that her personality has blossomed in the past year or two and is far more motivated than ever before.

EM's dad says that nothing else in his daughter's life has changed. He is convinced that his daughter's time spent with her big is what is responsible for the growth (social and academic) she has experienced.