

Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Report August 2023

Participants:

- # of School Based Matches - 0.
- # of Community Based Matches - 51.
- # of Work Place Mentoring Matches - 0

Program Highlights:

- Staff volunteered serving lunches to Seniors at the Regional Market (food services program) on Aug 3rd.
- We held our annual school supply and back pack give away/goofy Olympics on Sat Aug 5th at Santaro Park. Over 60 bigs and littles attended. We were graced with 20 volunteers from Barclay Damon who did a tremendous job assisting staff with the day's activities (games, supply give away, prepare and distribute lunch).
- Staff attended Sexual Abuse Training at Double Tree on Mon Aug 29th.
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Upcoming Events:

Advisory Council Mtg...Monday Sept 11th...Zoom....5:30 pm

Success Story:

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In early September we had to contact the Post Office on Teall Ave. regarding some mail that may have ended up missing. The lady that took my call was very polite and helpful. When the phone call was about to end, she informed me that 18 years ago, while living on the north side of Syracuse, she was a little in our program at a time in her life in which she was getting into trouble a lot, hanging with the wrong crowd and making poor decisions. Against her will, her mom basically convinced her to apply to our BBBS program. She resisted the idea, but once matched, she was mentored by an incredible lady who did not force her ways upon her, but rather, she (the big) simply pointed out what she needed to do to get back on the right path and to pursue success later in life. She said that BBBS turned her life around and is forever thankful for her big and for the services that our program provided. She ended the call by saying that she would always support and hold BBBS in high regard.