

Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Report December 2023

Participants:

- # of School Based Matches - 51
- # of Community Based Matches - 48.

Program Highlights:

- Over 125 people attended our annual Holiday Party at Bishop Ludden on 12/3. Community based littles and bigs, parents of littles, volunteers, Advisory council members and staff kicked off the holiday season with face painters, a DJ spinning all the classic tunes, SU volunteers running activities and games, arts'n crafts, snacks, a 360 video booth, a magician, a hot meal and gifts for everyone. A great time was had by all.
- Our new Corporate partner, Macy's, hosted another holiday party at their Destiny store for 20 of our community based littles. They were treated to breakfast, arts'n craft activities and each little received a \$50 gift card in which they were allowed to use right then as they shopped at Macy's and bought items for themselves and for family members (at a discounted rate). Our littles, bigs and staff received the royal treatment from the Macy's management. We hope that this is just the first of many great projects that we can work with Macy's on.
- Ass't Director Latasha Wilson treated 8 of our littles to a delicious meal and an evening of fun and laughs at Dave & Busters at Destiny.

Upcoming Events:

Painting With A Twist...Saturday January 13...at Sumner...12:00 – 2:00

Advisory Council Mtg...Monday January 15th...Zoom....5:30 pm

Tabling Event....Saturday January 20th...at the MOST....sponsored by the SCSD

Success Story:

Our school-based mentor manager, Carla, reports that one of our littles in our school-based program at Roberts Elementary, Kian, truly enjoys himself during our weekly program hour there. He fully participates and seems sad when the session is done. When Carla called Kian's mom recently to do match support, the mom got all emotional in saying how her son doesn't have many friends and he doesn't socialize very much. The mom added, however, that Kian's looks forward to BBBS program each week and constantly talks about what they did the previous week. She said that our BBBS program is Kian's highlight of the week. We are so glad to hear that our program hour brings him so much joy and we are currently working with the school personnel to see if Kian can be introduced to some new friends in the classroom so he can enjoy the rest of his week as well.