

Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Report February 2024

Participants:

- # of School Based Matches - 51
- # of Community Based Matches - 45.

Program Highlights:

- Our BBBS staff met with an SU grad student, Olivia, to discuss how she will be able to utilize her “data” skills in showing the positive impacts of our program.
- The Syracuse Crunch announced that it would be recognizing one of our Advisory Council members, Andrea Bernard, at the March 13th home game. A brief ceremony is planned to highlight all the great work she has done in the community over many years.
- Our friends from the Onondaga Co. Youth Bureau will be shadowing 1-2 of our matches in the coming weeks during one of their outings.

Upcoming Events:

Advisory Council Mtg...Monday April 15th or April 22nd Zoom
Bowl For Kids Sake...Sunday April 14th ...Flamingo Bowl
Trip to RIT for STEM event...Saturday April 27th

Success Story:

The following are samples of Match Support responses that we have received from two of our bigs:

Are you still interested in being involved in the program? **Yes, because of my relationship with my little, my membership on the Council, my belief in the program and the relationships I have made with others in the Program.**

Has the program met your expectations? **My involvement with the BBBS program has exceeded my expectations. I initially got into the program so that I could be a mentor to young men with needs. I am pleasantly blessed as I am also receiving a great benefit from my relationship with Xxxxxx. The expertise of the match manager to match the big and the little, as well as the parent, is a critical part of the success I feel in regards to BBBS exceeding my expectations.**