

## Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Report September 2024

### **Participants:**

- # of School Based Matches - 13 remain open in Central Sq, 12-17 will be added soon
- # of Community Based Matches - 48.

### **Program Highlights:**

- Over 100 littles, bigs, parents of littles, family members of littles and Syracuse University athletes gathered at Santaro Park for our annual Back To School Bash. All sorts of activities took place, including basketball, football, corn hole, kickball, kan jam and water balloon toss. A total of 21 SU athletes (mens' basketball, womens' basketball, football) came and engaged our littles and guests, providing a fun day of interaction, photographs and autographs. Burgers, dogs, salads and ice cream put the finishing touches on a memorable day for all.
- a handful of our bigs and littles attended the four SU home football games, courtesy of program supporter John Lough (tickets and parking pass).

### **Upcoming Events:**

Advisory Council Mtg....Oct 21st...Zoom...5:30

Movie Night...Oct 26th

### **Success Story:**

Perhaps some of the most memorable BBBS moments that we've experienced in recent years took place at our recent Back To School Bash at Santaro Park. It was there that 7'6" SU basketball player Naheem McLeod played 1-on-1 against some of our littles that attended that day. These littles stood maybe...maybe....4'10". This created quite a contrast as they compared jump shots and ball handling skills. Also, seeing 7'1" center Eddie Lampkin work the grill as he sang along and danced to all the latest hits playing on the radio was a treat. Having three SU football players demonstrate their passing and receiving skills to our littles captured everyone's interest. This certainly was the most unique event held by BBBS in years. Better yet, all the SU athletes promised to visit us again at some of our upcoming events down the road. This was a day that won't be forgotten, especially when our littles see all these athletes competing for SU on TV or at the JMA Dome in the coming months. Heroes were born on this day.