



# CELEBRATE MENTORING

THE BUDDY PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT 2021

# CONNECTING COMMUNITY

Looking back on 2021, there were many highlights for the Buddy Program. The Bash for the Buddies set a new record for fundraising, we had more adults sign up to become a Big Buddy than ever before, and the depth and strength of our programs continued to grow. And while we are extremely proud of these accomplishments, what stands out most to us are the efforts made around improving our impact in the areas of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. One key example of this year's internal equity audit is turning a detailed focus toward how we meaningfully engage more Big Buddies, board members, and staff who reflect the population of our larger community, particularly our Latinx youth and families.

This work will never be finished. It is hard and gritty and requires a deep dive from each of our staff and board members to look at our own inherent biases. It is deeply personal and deeply rewarding. It is about race and gender and sexual identity and age and ability. It touches all facets of our organization, from the youth and families we serve, to the Big Buddies who give so much of their time through volunteering, to maximizing all our staff members strengths and voices, to donor relations and fundraising events! This work has made us stronger as a team and stronger as an organization and we look forward to continuing our growth into the future.

Our commitment to each of you is to continue to empower youth through mentoring experiences to achieve their full potential. Through this work, we commit to valuing, celebrating, and consciously cultivating diversity as we strive to achieve equity through the power of mentoring. Thank you for your commitment to the Buddy Program!

Sincerely,



LINDSAY LOFARO  
*Executive Director*



BROOKE BOCKELMAN  
*Program Director*



MARK IOLA  
*Board President*







*Participants in the Peer-to-Peer Program at Crystal River Elementary School create a gingerbread house together*



*Seth Beers (Big Buddy) and Albert (Little Buddy) at a Buddy Program sponsored activity with Windwalkers*



# OUR PROGRAMS

In 2021, the Buddy Program worked with 318 youth, 136 adult Big Buddies and 11 schools from Aspen to Carbondale and Rifle through the following 4 programs:

## COMMUNITY PROGRAM

A Little Buddy (youth) is matched with a Big Buddy (adult mentor) and they participate in activities of their choice 3 to 4 times per month.

## SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAM

A Little Buddy is matched with a Big Buddy and they meet once per week at school during the student's lunch and recess.

## PEER-TO-PEER PROGRAM

High school students mentor youth at the elementary and middle schools.

## KAREN & NATHAN SANDLER LEAD PROGRAM

Leadership through Exploration, Action and Discovery

A group, experiential mentoring program that helps youth in grades 6 - 12 develop life skills through Outdoor Leadership classes at 3 high schools and 4 middle schools, two week-long summer camps, and monthly school-year activities.

*The LEAD Program's Youth Camp participants strike a pose during their 4-day summer camp*

# THE MAKING OF A BUDDY PAIR

In 2021, we matched 38 new pairs!

Our Buddy Pairs stay together an average of 3.7 years, and often stay friends for life.

## THE LITTLE BUDDY

Every youth can benefit from a mentor. Many of the youth referred to the Buddy Program are seeking companionship, guidance, and encouragement from a trusted friend.



**THE REFERRAL** A youth between the ages of 6 to 17 is referred to the Buddy Program through a family member, school, counselor, or a community agency. ***Did you know? Youth can refer themselves to the Buddy Program!***



**PARENT TRAINING** Parents are asked to attend a training session to understand expectations around communication, policies, what to expect out of a mentoring relationship, and learn more about all the opportunities the Buddy Program offers their child! ***Did you know? The Buddy Program has strong partnerships throughout the community and often refers families to other agencies for additional support.***



**THE INTAKE** A Case Manager interviews the parents and youth to get to know them better and begin the process of determining who will be a great Big Buddy for them. ***Did you know? We meet with youth and families separately to get the best information for us to make the right match for our youth!***



**THE MATCH LIST** While waiting for a Big Buddy, the Case Management team continues to get to know the family and youth, checking in frequently to ensure they are engaged and supported at school and in the community. ***Did you know? While waiting for the right Big Buddy, youth and families are eligible for counseling support, extracurricular activity scholarships, and Case Management!***



*Jared Kaplan (Big Buddy) and Conrad (Little Buddy) on their pairing day.*



*Helen was on our Match List in 2021 and got matched with her Big Buddy in March 2022*



*Rafael was on our Match List in 2021 and got matched with his Big Buddy in January 2022*





# THE BIG BUDDY

An adult member of the community decides to commit to making a difference in the life of a youth and become a Big Buddy (a mentor). From start to finish, this process takes an average of 6 - 8 weeks!



**APPLY TO BE A BIG BUDDY** An individual expresses interest in becoming a Big Buddy and our Recruitment Manager reaches out to set up a short 30-minute orientation meeting to give more information about the commitment. Then the Recruitment Manager invites the potential Big Buddy to apply who then completes the application. ***Did you know? We have over 30 youth who have been interviewed and are waiting to be matched with a Big Buddy.***



**ATTEND A NEW MENTOR TRAINING** New mentors are required to attend a training with our Case Managers to learn more about the role of the mentor, strategies for communicating and connecting with youth, policies and expectations, and all the opportunities that the Buddy Program offers to support the success of the Big and Little Buddy's mentoring relationship. ***Did you know? The Buddy Program offers over 25 free activities and special opportunities each year to Buddy Pairs!***



**FOCUSING ON SAFETY AND COMPATIBILITY** We ask for 6 references including 3 phone calls and 3 written from friends, family members, or colleagues. From there, we run fingerprints, national background checks, and other safety checks. ***Did you Know? The Buddy Program currently serves youth from Aspen to Carbondale in our Community and School-based programs!***



**PERSONAL INTERVIEW** A Case Manager from the Buddy Program conducts an in-depth interview with the prospective Big Buddy to ensure that they and our program are a great mutual fit, and get to know them in order to make the right match with their future Little Buddy! ***Did you know? The Buddy Program has 2 bilingual Case Managers who speak Spanish. Bilingual Big Buddies are encouraged to apply!***



**ACCEPTANCE AND MATCHING** Once the prospective mentor has successfully completed all the steps to become a Big Buddy, the Case Management team meets to review the Big Buddy's screening materials and determine their acceptance to the program. Next, our Case Managers look at the Little Buddies in the Match List and pick up to three youth who they feel will be the most successful match for the prospective mentor. The Case Manager presents the options to the Big Buddy and together they determine the best match. ***Did you know? In 2021, we broke a record for the number of individuals who applied to become a Big Buddy!***



## THE PAIRING!

**HOORAY!** It's time for the Big Buddy to meet their Little Buddy! The Case Manager facilitates the meeting between the Big and Little Buddy and their family, making sure that everyone feels comfortable and gets to know each other. During this first meeting, the Big and Little Buddy decide their first activity together and make a plan for their first outing as a Buddy Pair. ***Did you know? At the pairing we give our Buddy pairs a list of 100+ activity ideas to do together and we offer a Discount Program with discounts at businesses throughout the valley!***

# COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS

Thank you to all of our Big Buddy volunteers for making the incredible commitment to help transform a young person's life for the better!

## 12 YEARS

Kim McHale  
Baillargeon

## 10 YEARS

Anne Blackwell  
Clarence Blackwell  
Ainhua Bujan  
Sue Schoeller

## 9 YEARS

Stacy Grimm

## 8 YEARS

Kayla Feld  
Candy Huffman  
Ryan Larkin

## 7 YEARS

Wheeler Clancy  
Camilla Cohen  
Hailey Guglielmo  
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## 6 YEARS

Danielle Grivalsky  
Joseph McBride  
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## 5 YEARS

Valerie Arenivar  
Sarah Armstrong  
Emily Cackett  
Lindsay Dudycha  
Hana Maclean  
George Russell  
Mary Russell  
Alexander Tiernan  
Erik Wardell

## 4 YEARS

Erica Borum  
Gus Fitzgerald  
Sam Gemus  
John Gillies  
Jessica Gurrentz  
Lane Johnson  
Meg Ravenscraft  
Lorena Rojas  
Jeanne Walker

## 3 YEARS

Tucker Burton  
Wyllie Chenoweth  
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Rio Crandall  
Xan Demas  
Quinn Donnelly  
Magda Dziwosz  
D'aun Hajdu  
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Michele Murphy  
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## 2 YEARS

Shannon Asher  
Tyler Barletta  
Jack Burger  
Nancy Cohen  
Izanami Diaz  
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Maddie Fones  
Janice Forbes  
Rolf Fraser  
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## 1 YEAR

Clara Blakely  
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Ashley Connolly  
Alex Costa  
Lisa DeLosso  
Raychelle Doane  
Sally Frankel  
Amanda Gaube  
Katie Goldsmith  
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## MATCHED IN 2021

Casey Altman  
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Espinoza  
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Zahner  
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BIG BUDDY  
VOLUNTEERS

# COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL-BASED MENTORING

The Buddy Program worked with 162 youth in the Community and School-based programs.

## IMPACT:

- 89% of Little Buddies (*who responded to the survey*) report talking about goals and plans for their future with their Big Buddy.
- 97% of Little Buddies report feeling comfortable sharing with their Big Buddy what is happening in their life. (100% for Buddies who have been matched for 3 years or more!)
- 88% of Little Buddies report that talking to their Big Buddy about a challenge or problem feels helpful.
- 100% of Big Buddies report feeling their Little Buddy has gained or learned from their relationship.
- 88% of Big Buddies report they and their Little Buddies discuss difficult topics; such as, but not limited to, peer pressure, bullying, problems at home. (100% of Big Buddies matched with their Little Buddy for 3 years or more say they discuss difficult topics!)



*Ryan Latham (Big Buddy) and Bryce (Little Buddy) getting stoked about pottery at the Carbondale Clay Center*



I am so thankful for the Buddy Program because through the Buddy Program I was able to meet my amazing Big Buddy Chessie! She is almost like a big sister to me. We bond together really well. I love how the Buddy Program puts on fun events & things to do like pottery, the Lost Forest, gingerbread house kits, cookie decorating, candle making kits, and Home Chef kits too! I just love my Buddy and the things that the Buddy Program does for us. It's really special and I always look forward to my time with my Buddy.

– Tessa, Little Buddy

*Camilla Cohen (Big Buddy) and Shelby (Little Buddy) take a break from horseback riding at Windwalkers*



I wish every child who needs a mentor could get plugged into this program because it really changed the trajectory of our lives.

– Karin Evans, parent of Little Buddy



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Leadership through Exploration,  
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# LEAD PROGRAM

## IMPACT

87 middle and high school youth participated in our LEAD programs in the 2020-2021 school year and summer of 2021! *Combined, they were involved in 9,738 hours of programming and spent 32 nights under the stars and 94 days out in the sun (and rain and snow)!*

100% of teens in Outdoor Leadership indicated satisfaction with the program!

100% of our high school participants identified improvement in their teamwork and goal-setting skills, 95% in their communication skills, and 90% in their skills in leadership and trust.



## OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS

A year-long, school-day class providing 300 hours of instruction and earning high school and Colorado Mountain College credit through participation in single day and multi-day field trips and classroom lessons. Offered at Basalt, Roaring Fork, and Rifle High Schools.

*Basalt High School Outdoor Leadership class heads off for their first adventure of the school year, September 2021*

## OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS

A year-long extracurricular opportunity for 7th and 8th grade participants, where students meet monthly at their schools and engage in multi-day field trips. Offered at Aspen, Basalt, Carbondale and Rifle Middle Schools.

*Students from Carbondale Middle School set up camp in the desert, October 2021*



## YOUTH CAMP

A 5-day summer camp for High School students building a respectful overnight camp environment and exploring outdoor activities. Typically held in Moab, our 2021 camp took place locally due to wildfires in the La Sal Mountains.

*Campers build teamwork and communication skills as they belay one another on the high ropes course during Youth Camp.*



*The Buddy Program has taught me how to go outside my comfort zone and to never give up. It is because of them that I have been able to have experiences that I would have never dreamed possible including attending a summer camp where I got to canyoneer and rappel which I now love. I have carried these lessons with me outside of the program and I have become more involved at school, traveled Europe, and, written and published a book. These accomplishments are in big part thanks to the Buddy Program. They helped me sculpt a shy and afraid girl into a resilient young woman and I can't wait to see what comes next!*

*- Judith, LEAD Program, Community Program and Peer-to-Peer Program participant*

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*Students from Basalt High School take to the air with Ecoflight as part of the Karen and Nathan Sandler LEAD Outdoor Leadership course*



*Kendall Taylor (Big Buddy) and Alison (Little Buddy) at an art class at the Red Brick Center for the Arts*





# OUR COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

In 2021, the Buddy Program worked with consultant, Cheryl Clark, on an equity audit to review our programs, practices and materials, ensuring we had an equity lens in all that we did.



*It has been an honor to work with the Buddy Program as they embark on their journey to become more diverse, equitable and inclusive. Because of the leadership team's commitment to their own work, it made it easier to help the whole Buddy Program team take the first steps through training, which included practicing real scenarios they might encounter as they continue the work. They are off to a great start to make conversation around equity and inclusion normal within the organization while establishing more inclusive practices.*

*-Cheryl Clark, Equity Audit Consultant*



In 2021, three staff and one board member from the Buddy Program participated in MANAUS' Equity Action Project alongside several other non-profits who work with families and youth.



*MANAUS was happy to see The Buddy Program join the second cohort of the Equity Action Project to further their understanding and implementation of equity practices. Since completing the training, it has been evident that the Buddy Program is strongly committed towards advancing equity, self-reflection, learning, and organizational change.*

*-Bryan Alfredo Alvarez-Terrazas,  
Project Manager of the Equity Action Project*



*The Buddy Program has shown an indelible commitment to growing as a more equitable organization and offering more diverse and inclusive programming. Buddy Program has led and participated in a number of MENTOR Colorado's efforts to address issues of justice, equity, diversity and inclusivity (JEDI) in the field of mentoring. They sent not one but two staff to our 12-month anti-racist working group, they led conversations in our 2021 Towards Racial Equity Summit and even were willing to demonstrate for other programs their efforts at our Virtual Coffee. Engaging in JEDI efforts is a matter of continuous improvement...and yet Buddy Program has real results to show for their efforts, and is continuing to work both internally (with staff, volunteers, board) and with the communities they serve.*

*-Drew DeMarie, Program Director, Mentor Colorado*



# PEER-TO-PEER PROGRAM

The Buddy Program worked with 49 youth in the Peer-to-Peer Program. High school youth from Basalt and Roaring Fork (Carbondale) high schools developed leadership, accountability, and communication skills while working with Buddy Program staff to become a caring and consistent mentor to their Little Buddy in elementary or middle school.

## PEER-TO-PEER BIG BUDDIES

Ashley A.  
Ashley B.  
Jacob B.  
Schanae D.  
Phineas E.  
Natalie F.

Omar G.  
Delaney H.  
Calum I.  
Aniya J.  
Aleyda L.  
Alizzer L.

Audry L.  
Duncan L.  
Owen L.  
Dianna M.  
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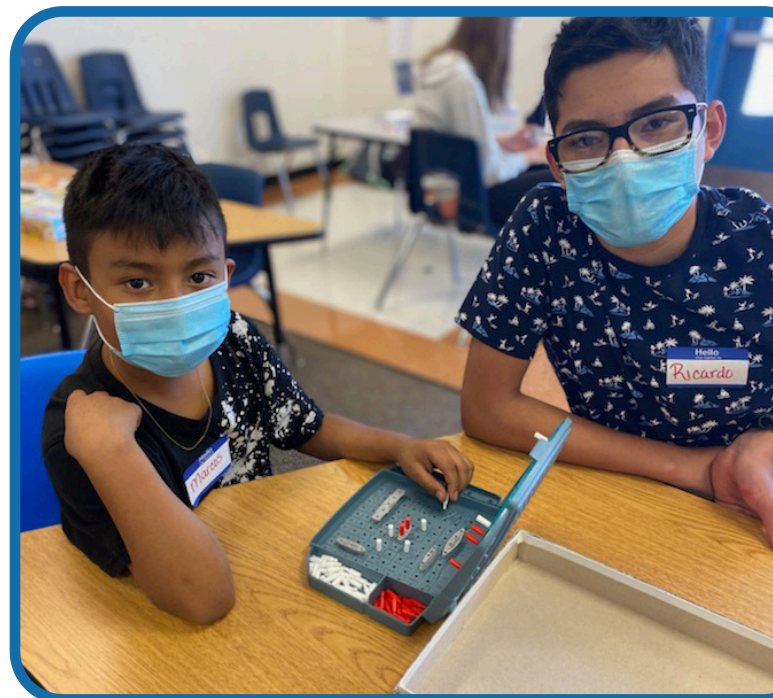


*I am very excited to be someone that is trusted and someone that is leaned on. I love that! I think that this will help me later on in life by gaining a deeper understanding of how I can influence people and how I can be a helping hand to someone who needs it. I want to be someone who can empower and bring out the full potential of a younger person in my community.*

*Calum, Peer-to-Peer Big Buddy*



*Peer-to-Peer Buddies in Carbondale build connection through humor and play on costume photo booth day!*



*Peer-to-Peer Buddies engage in games, conversation, and fun every Wednesday afternoon*



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*National Council Co-Chairs  
Katie and Adam Goldsmith  
at the Bash for the Buddies  
on July 9*



*National Council members and  
Boogie's Buddy Race sponsors  
Megan and Tom Clark take in the  
sunset at the Bash for the Buddies  
Photo Credit: Nancy Mayer*

# WE VALUE, CELEBRATE, ..... AND CONSCIOUSLY CULTIVATE DIVERSITY AS WE STRIVE TO ACHIEVE EQUITY THROUGH THE POWER OF MENTORING

At the Buddy Program, our mission is to empower youth through mentoring experiences to achieve their full potential. We envision a thriving community in which all members are supported and connected through meaningful relationships and experiences to achieve success. We recognize that many members of our community, especially those that identify as black, indigenous and people of color (BIPOC), may not have equitable access to employment, a living wage, housing, healthcare, education, and may experience discrepancies within the criminal justice system. These barriers and disparate conditions result in a lack of equity that serves as an impediment to many youth achieving their full potential.

Social justice extends beyond attitudes and into actions that we take to promote a safe, accessible, and honoring space for all individuals to thrive. We recognize our responsibility to, and leadership within, our community through the following commitments:

- *Consciously cultivating an inclusive and welcoming climate and organizational culture among staff, board members, volunteers, participants and donors that embraces differences and offers respect in words and actions for all people*
- *Creating and maintaining programming free from discrimination*
- *Continued, sustainable growth and allocation of resources as an organization that addresses the complexities and needs of the diverse communities we serve*
- *Movement beyond tolerance and toward active inclusion, affirmation, and the celebration of our differences*
- *Ongoing self-examination of our attitudes, formal and informal policies and practices, assumptions and judgments, and assessment of our privilege with the end goal of acting in alliance with BIPOC and other community members experiencing unjust discrimination.*

*Karen and Nathan Sandler  
LEAD participants play  
frisbee golf on top of  
Aspen Mountain*



*Tyler Barletta (Big Buddy) and Nolan (Little Buddy)  
connect in the School-based Program at Aspen  
Elementary School*



# SIGNATURE EVENTS



Board Member Morgan Brown, Board Member Katie Goldsmith, Max Goldsmith, Board Member Hannah Thompson, and Board Member Alexandra Hughes get ready to run the 35th Annual Boogie's Buddy Race.

## EAST COAST ASSET MANAGEMENT, MIKE CONNOLLY, ASPEN PRESENTS: THE 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOOGIE'S BUDDY RACE JULY 4, 2021

The 35th Annual Boogie's Buddy Race is a 5 mile, 5K, and one-mile family fun run. Participants of Boogie's Buddy Race had the option to race in-person or virtually, and over 595 racers kicked off Independence Day with us! Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and participants, we raised over \$64,000.



Runners are off as they take to the five-mile course beginning at Rio Grande Park in Aspen

## 9TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Thank you to our host Committee: Helen DeFrance, Molly Gilmore, Amanda Hirsh, and Karen Wing

The Buddy Program distributed a record breaking 171 gingerbread house kits to youth in our programs to take home and enjoy with their family or Big Buddy, and as a special donation, to teens at the Youth Recovery Center at Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs. We also sold more than 200 kits to the general public as part of the fundraiser! Thanks to the generous support of our donors, sponsors, and buyers, we raised over \$130,000.



Little Buddy Keyla gets in the holiday spirit with her Gingerbread House

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Raychelle Doane (Big Buddy) with Laila (Little Buddy) create their gingerbread masterpiece together!





# BASH FOR THE BUDDIES

**US BANK SPONSORS  
THE 22ND ANNUAL  
BASH FOR THE BUDDIES,  
JULY 9, 2021  
&  
ONLINE AUCTION,  
JULY 7TH - 10TH, 2021**

Thank you to our Backyard Bash hosts Lenny "Boogie" and Gail Weinglass, our sponsors and the over 300 generous patrons, attendees, auction donors, and volunteers who made these events possible! Thanks to the generous support of our donors, sponsors, and attendees we raised over \$1,000,000.



*Bash hosts Gail and Lenny "Boogie" Weinglass pause before entering the Backyard Bash for the Buddies!*

*Bash guest Sarah Rowland enjoys a laugh at the Backyard Bash for the Buddies*



**PITKIN COUNTY DRY GOODS  
ANNUAL HOLIDAY LOCAL'S SALE  
to benefit the Buddy Program,  
December 9 - 10**



**CELEBRATE ASPEN SMILE MONTH**  
with Andrew Turchin, DMD

During the month of **September**, Leading NYC-trained cosmetic dentist Andrew Turchin will **DONATE 10%** of the proceeds from all cosmetic procedures - including **Invisalign, veneers/front crowns, whitenings, and full mouth restorations** to the Buddy Program.

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## ASPEN SMILE MONTH

During the month of September, Dr. Andrew Turchin, DMD donated 10% of proceeds from all cosmetic procedures to the Buddy Program

# SPECIAL EVENTS

# FINANCIALS

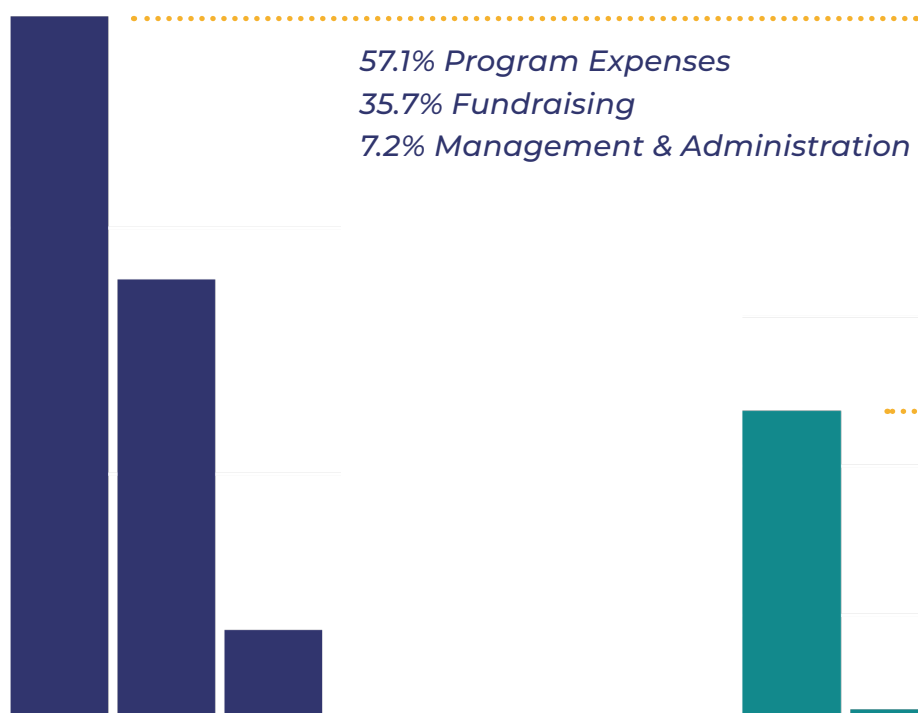
In 2021 the Buddy Program’s revenue exceeded expenses. This was largely due to a second loan from the Small Business Administration’s Payroll Protection Program (PPP) that was forgiven. We also saw a record amount of revenue raised at the Bash for the Buddies. The Boogie’s Buddy Race and 9th Annual Gingerbread House Workshop also produced more revenue than was budgeted. The Buddy Program maintains a reserve fund in investment accounts and the Board of Directors directs any surplus funds into the reserve fund. The numbers below have not been audited, audited financial statements can be requested or found at <https://www.buddyprogram.org/financial-information/>.

## 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

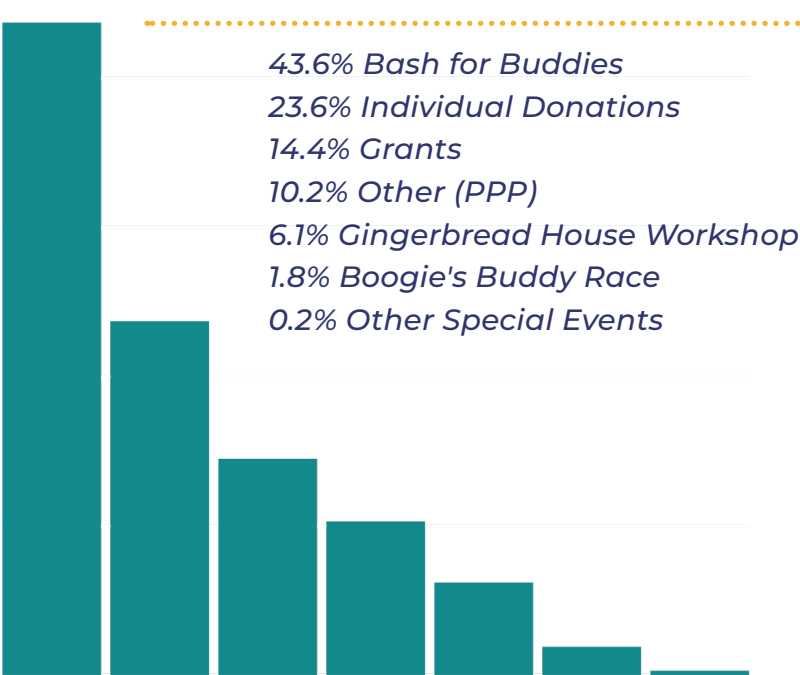
- *The Buddy Program received a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan in the amount of \$198,050*
- *The Bash for the Buddies grossed over \$1,000,000 in revenue*
- *The Buddy Program employed 14.5 full time staff throughout the year*
- *The Buddy Program provides all programs and services at no cost to our families*

The Buddy Program’s reserve fund is invested in mutual funds and as of December 31, 2021 had a balance of \$1,624,569.

### EXPENSES



### REVENUE





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*Board of Directors, August 2021 - Back row, left to right: Amanda Hirsh, Molly Gilmore, Hannah Thompson, Becky Murray, Morgan Brown, Mark Iola, Alex Kendrick, Deborah Breen, Erin Becker, Mike Connolly. Front row, left to right: Gina Turchin, Lenny "Boogie" Weinglass, Gail Weinglass, Alexandra Hughes, Katie Goldsmith, Adam Goldsmith, Skye Weinglass and Norma Canchola*

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