We are now offering 4 mentoring programs in the Glenwood Springs community! As a new community partner, the Buddy Program was thrilled to participate in the 2023 Strawberry Days Parade.

The Karen and Nathan Sandler LEAD Program Outdoor Leadership classes expand to serve youth in Rifle.

We expand services and programs to empower youth in Carbondale.

We start working with youth and families in the Mid-Valley in addition to Aspen.

The Karen and Nathan Sandler LEAD (Leadership through Exploration, Action and Discovery) Program started as a way to work alongside teens in a hybrid classroom and outdoor experiential program model.

Boogie’s Diner takes on the sponsorship of the race on the 4th of July, formerly sponsored by the Aspen Times, and donates proceeds to local charities, eventually working solely with the Buddy Program to raise funds.

We start the Peer-to-Peer Program with high school students impacting lives of younger kids as Big Buddies.

The Annual Buddy Ski Day, a Buddy Pair long-standing tradition! For half a decade, the Buddy Program has provided guidance for our Big Buddy mentors and over 40+ FREE activities and opportunities each year for Buddy Pairs! This picture is from the Buddy Ski Day in 2003!

The first Bash for the Buddies fundraiser is held at the home of Lenny “Boogie” Weinglass.

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The LEAD Outdoor Leadership class started as a pilot program at Roaring Fork High School - a small initiative to inspire students to take charge of their learning, build resilience and leadership skills, and connect with nature.

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We expand services and programs to work alongside youth and families in Glenwood Springs and celebrate our 50th Anniversary! In ’23-24, LEAD Outdoor Leadership will serve students at 10 schools.

Begin your mentoring journey today... Scan to learn more about becoming a Big Buddy in our Community and School-based Programs!