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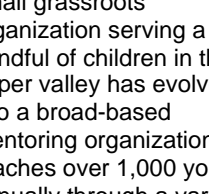
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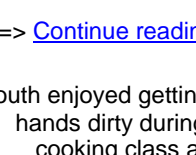


Upcoming Events

- June 29:**
[Lemonade Day](#)
- July 4:**
[Boogie's Buddy Race](#)
- July 5:**
[Bash for the Buddies](#)

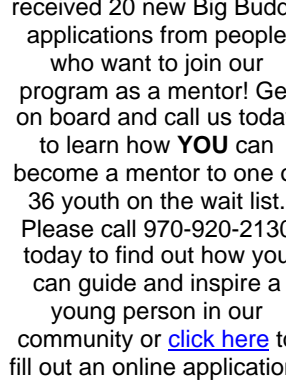


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Buddy Program Blog

Commitment
by Heather Hicks,
Director of Recruitment



This year, the Buddy Program celebrates its 40th year anniversary of providing mentoring for children. What started as a small grassroots organization serving a handful of children in the upper valley has evolved into a broad-based mentoring organization that reaches over 1,000 youth annually through a variety of youth programs. To honor this history of community investment, the Buddy Program chose "Commitment" as its theme for 2013.

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Youth enjoyed getting their hands dirty during a cooking class at [Rock the Break Camp](#)



Susan and Arlette enjoying the view at the base of the XGames half pipe this winter!

Check out our redesigned website!

Hi Jamie!

Greetings from snowy Aspen!

Yes, it's snowing pretty hard as I write this on April 17th. Last year we were out and about in shorts by now. But it's all good news for the snowpack, which they are reporting at 93% of normal on Independence Pass, and hopefully that number will go higher.

Despite the snow, we are busy planning for our annual 40th for the Buddies! We are creating a great party in celebration of our 40th Anniversary, and will be honoring some of the people who have played key roles in the success of the program, including Lenny 'Boogie' Weinglass and Gregg Anderson, who founded the program in 1973!

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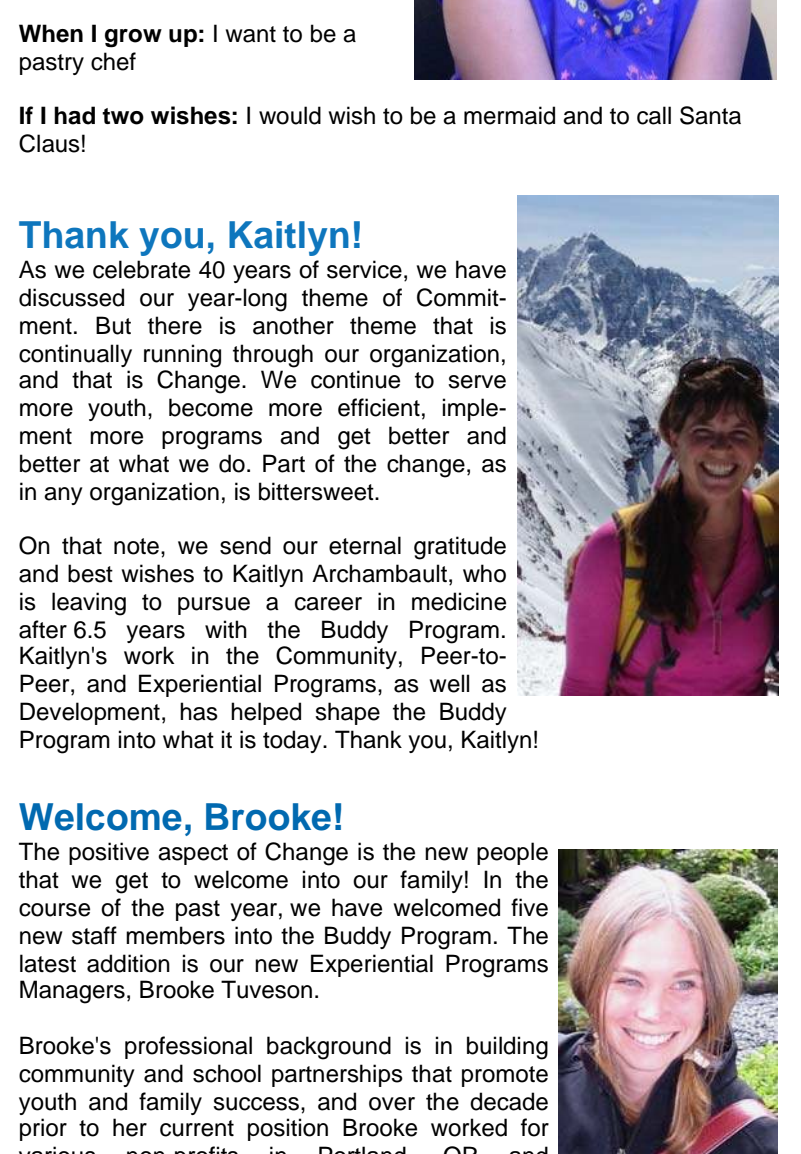
Warm regards,



David Huggo
Executive Director

Come Celebrate

4th of July Weekend in Aspen, CO



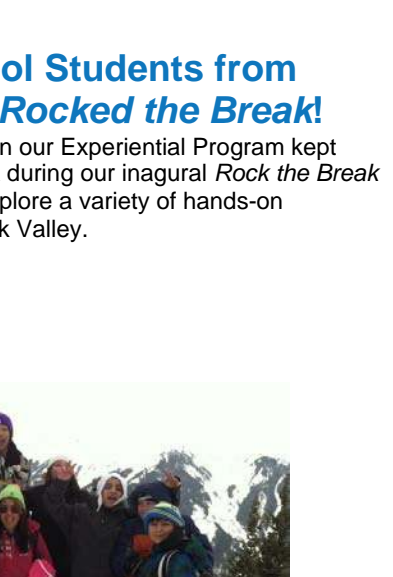
Wait List Little Buddy

Little Buddy: Kenya A.
Age: 7
Grade: 2nd
Lives in: Basalt

Favorite thing to do: I love helping my mom make cakes

When I grow up: I want to be a pastry chef

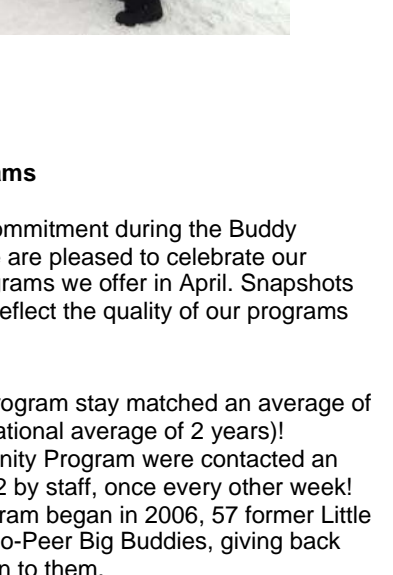
If I had two wishes: I would wish to be a mermaid and to call Santa Claus!



Thank you, Kaitlyn!

As we celebrate 40 years of service, we have discussed our year-long theme of Commitment. But there is another theme that is continually running through our organization, and that is Change. We continue to serve more youth, become more efficient, implement more programs and get better and better at what we do. Part of the change, as in any organization, is bittersweet.

On that note, we send our eternal gratitude and best wishes to Kaitlyn Archambault, who is leaving to pursue a career in medicine after 6.5 years with the Buddy Program. Kaitlyn's work in the Community, Peer-to-Peer, and Experiential Programs, as well as Development, has helped shape the Buddy Program into what it is today. Thank you, Kaitlyn!



Welcome, Brooke!

The positive aspect of Change is the new people that we get to welcome into our family! In the course of the past year, we have welcomed five new staff members into the Buddy Program. The latest addition is our new Experiential Programs Managers, Brooke Tuveson.

Brooke's professional background is in building community and school partnerships that promote youth and family success, and over the decade prior to her current position Brooke worked for various non-profits in Portland, OR and Carbondale, CO. Brooke graduated from high school in the Roaring Fork Valley and after spending 12 years in Portland returned to the valley in 2011. She enjoys spending time in the mountains, especially skiing, hiking, and rock climbing with friends and family, and maintains her creative outlet through making jewelry. We are excited to welcome her, and please join us in congratulating her on her new role!



Middle and High School Students from Aspen to Carbondale *Rocked the Break!*

Eighteen awesome 12-17 year olds in our Experiential Program kept busy for four days over Spring Break during our inaugural *Rock the Break Camp!* Students had a chance to explore a variety of hands-on activities throughout the Roaring Fork Valley.

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Quality

Lindsay Lofaro, Director of Programs

As we continue our tradition of Commitment during the Buddy Program's 40th year anniversary, we are pleased to celebrate our commitment to the **QUALITY** of programs we offer in April. Snapshots from our 2012 Program Report that reflect the quality of our programs include:

- Buddy Pairs at the Buddy Program stay matched an average of 5 years together (Versus a national average of 2 years)!
- Little Buddies in the Community Program were contacted an average of 25.9 times in 2012 by staff, once every other week!
- Since the Peer-to-Peer program began in 2006, 57 former Little Buddies have become Peer-to-Peer Big Buddies, giving back what was so generously given to them.
- Youth in our programs report getting along better with family members and making better decisions as a result of having a mentor.

All of these and other great results are due to not just the quality of our programs, and the quality of our professional Case Managers, but also the comprehensive range of services that we provide. Check out our new [website](#) to learn more!

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