



The Second Largest Mentoring Organization in Colorado!

Dear Jamie,

"It takes a whole village to raise a child." - Nigerian Igbo and Yoruba proverb

While this phrase has become somewhat trite, it is no less true. And we are fortunate, indeed, to live in a community where we really do have a village of people and organizations engaged in the endeavor of raising children. Obviously, parents play the prime role in rearing children, and schools play a large part for most youth. There also are many youth-serving organizations to help fill in the gaps. What you may not be aware of are the many ways that these organizations are working closely with schools to support them in their missions.

Continue reading the [Aspen Times Guest Column: it takes a village](#), to learn more about the ways in which the Buddy Program and other local organizations are working closely with schools to support youth in the Roaring Fork Valley.

David Houggy
Executive Director

90 DAYS UNTIL...THE 2015 BASH FOR THE BUDDIES!
July 9, 2015

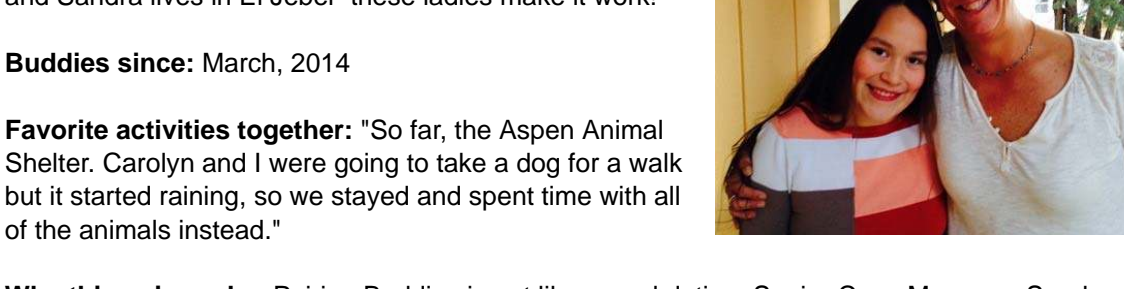
**Tables and tickets are on sale now!*

BUY TICKETS



SAVE THE DATE

Please join the Buddy Program for a
**Gallery Opening of the
Men in Mentoring Photo Project**



April 23rd 6:00 – 8:00 PM The Nugget Gallery, Aspen
Photography by Guadalupe Laiz. Light appetizers and beverages.

RSVP to Heather@BuddyProgram.org
Photos will be on display through May 18th
BuddyProgram.org

Contact [Heather Hicks](#) for more information about becoming a Big Buddy today:
Heather@buddyprogram.org, 970.920.2130.

WAIT LIST LITTLE BUDDY

Name: Gio A.

Age: 13

Lives in: El Jebel

When he grows up: "I want to go to college and be a math teacher or football player."

Things he would like to do with his Big Buddy: "I'd like to have a Big Buddy to do fun things with like play sports, and he would be nice and understanding."

If he had a Big Buddy: His dream of having a positive male role model in his life would come true.



NEW PAIR

Names: Carolyn Sackariason and Sandra D.

Community Program Buddies in: Carolyn lives in Aspen and Sandra lives in El Jebel- these ladies make it work!

Buddies since: March, 2014

Favorite activities together: "So far, the Aspen Animal Shelter. Carolyn and I were going to take a dog for a walk but it started raining, so we stayed and spent time with all of the animals instead."

Why this pair works: Pairing Buddies is not like speed dating. Senior Case Manager, Sarah Evans, takes the pairing process very seriously and slowly to ensure a successful and long-term match. Through getting to know Carolyn and Sandra, Sarah discovered that the two have a lot in common. They come from very different backgrounds but are more alike than they are unlike.



NATIONAL COUNCIL RECEPTION

March 11, 2015

Adam Goldsmith, Board President, and Angie Stewart and Flo Fulton-Miller, National Council Co-chairs, hosted the Buddy Program's annual National Council Reception on March 11. Over 40 National Council members attended this casual and fun reception - a small way for the Buddy Program to thank them for their 2014 donations of \$2,500 and above. We are deeply grateful for the leadership support of our National Council. Their generosity is reflected in the amount of youth and families we serve and in the quality of programs that we provide.

Check out our [2014 Annual Report](#) to learn more about the Buddy Program's achievement in 2014. Click here to learn more about the Buddy Program's [National Council](#).



Executive Director David Houggy, with National Council co-chairs Angie Stewart and Flo Fulton-Miller



Charlie Hopton, Gary Stewart and Tony Mazza



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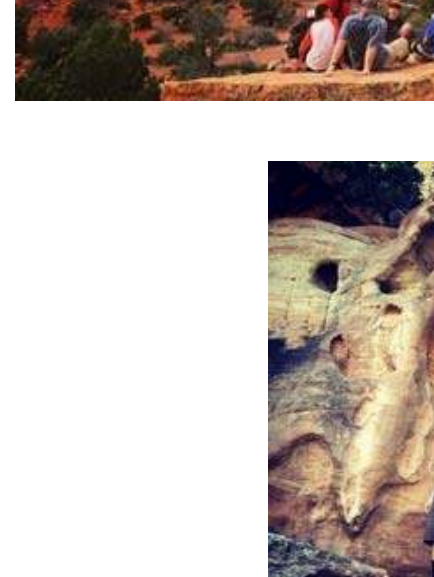
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

March 24, 2015: Movie Night

27 Buddies attended 3 different films for Movie Night at Movieland in Basalt over Spring Break!

April 3, 2015: Bowling Night

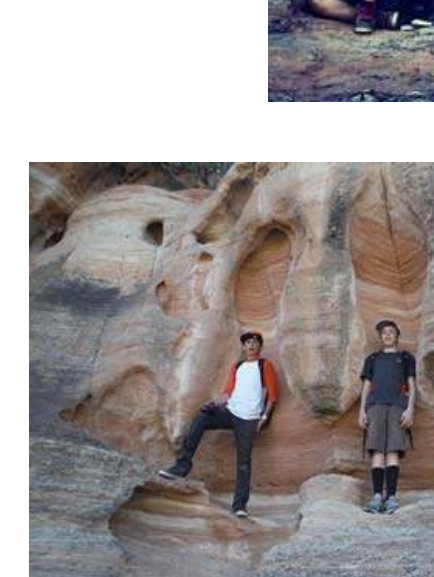
The Buddy Program hosted one of our most popular Buddy Pair activities of the year- our Buddy Bowling Party! 46 Buddies enjoyed bowling and dinner at El Jebowl and as is evident from the pictures, a great time was had by all!



Carolyn Sackariason & Sandra D.



Carson Schmitz & Caleb S.



Jimmy Dula & Oliver S.



Shannon McHugh & Jenny M.

April 25, 2015: Love Your Community Day

The Buddy Program will be joining Roaring Fork Conservancy on their 17th Annual Frying Pan River Clean-Up Day! Meet at Lions Park in Basalt and help clean up one of the most beautiful stretches of river in the country. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. For more information, follow [this link](#).

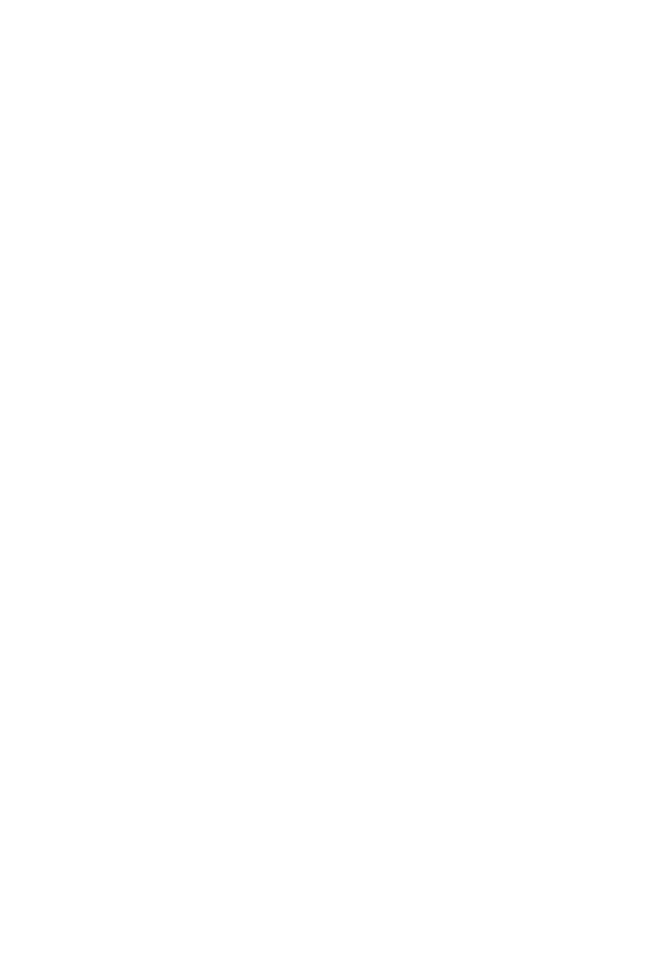


LEAD (LEADERSHIP THROUGH EXPLORATION, ACTION AND DISCOVERY)

March 21-23, 2015: Carbondale Middle School Spring Trip

Warm weather is creeping into the Roaring Fork Valley, and a dozen students in our Outdoor Leadership program at Carbondale Middle School already had their first camping trip of 2015! During spring break week, 7th and 8th graders traveled to Fruita, Colorado with the Buddy Program, Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers, and CMS Science teacher Megan Ravenscraft. During the 3 day, Outdoor Leadership program students explored the Colorado National Monument through hiking, ranger presentations on geology and paleontology, and camping. Between outdoor exploration, students worked on leadership skill development via team-building exercises, personal reflection during mini-solos, and living in a respectful camp environment. Thanks to all the awesome Outdoor Leadership participants at CMS this year - you all rock!!

- Brooke Tuveson, LEAD Programs Manager



BLOG

Calling on the Next Generation: Are you ready to Lead?

By Heather Hicks, Director of Recruitment and Lemonade Day City Director

A recent Gallup study of young Americans aged 18 to 35 found that those who had high exposure to certain 21st century skill development in school were twice as likely to be successful at work.* In order to ensure that the children we work with at the Buddy Program are ready to succeed in life and at work, two of our core mentoring programs focus on building these skills through experiential learning: the LEAD Program (Leadership through Exploration, Action and Discovery) and Lemonade Day.

[Continue reading!](#)

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

2008

Susan Bernard & Arlette G. (pictured)

2010

Palmer Hood & Edgar D.

2014

Reede Hoskin & Obed G.



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