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Become a Mentor

To date in 2013, we have received **30** new Big Buddy applications from people who want to join our program as a mentor! In 2012, we received 30 applications in total for the entire year! Get on board and call us today to learn how **YOU** can become a mentor! Please call Heather Hicks, Director of Recruitment, at 970-920-2130 or **click here** to fill out an online application.

Hi Jamie!

I hope that you have been able to get out and enjoy the summer, especially with the cooler weather that we've had recently. We have been enjoying the summer here at the Buddy Program, but it is time to gear up for all of our fall season school-year programs to start!

With the change of season come changes at the Buddy Program. While we are saddened to see the departure of a few of our dear family members, we are also excited by new additions.

Megan VanZandt, Development Coordinator, is leaving us as she and her fiance depart our happy valley to start out on their own new bold adventures. Megan has been instrumental this past year and half in leading us through two successful Bashes and coordinating our development activities.

Kim Kraunz is moving with her family to Maine after nearly five years with the Buddy Program. Kim has played a pivotal role in helping to professionalize our business planning and operations and take our program evaluations and reporting to the next level!

Finally, Karmen Pittenger has decided to move on from the Buddy Program to pursue new opportunities. Karmen has been incredibly valuable as Director of Family and Youth Services in her amazing 10 years of service!

But we are also very excited to announce some additions! Beth Slater, most recently the Community Programs Manager with the Aspen Institute, will be joining us as our new Development Manager! Beth brings great experience and donor connections to her new role.

And Jamie Tredeaux, our part time book keeper, will be joining us in a greater capacity to take on all of our finance and HR functions. Jamie's professionalism and thorough understanding of these areas will be invaluable!

So it is a bittersweet time here, but for those that are leaving us, we know that this is not goodbye but merely the next phase in our relationships with them. We wish Megan, Kim and Karmen all the best in their coming adventures, and heartily welcome Beth and Jamie!

Regards,

David Houggy
Executive Director

Wait List Little Buddy

Out of the Office and into the World!

Last week, a handful of staff members and I were lucky enough to be able to act as counselors at D.R.E.A.M. Day Camp. As we so often say, being in the presence of the kids we serve is extremely uplifting because it reminds us of the value of our daily work.

This year's group of 23 accomplished so much in 5 short days, including collaborating on and completing a truly beautiful mural that can be found hanging in the new Carbondale Library, rock climbing and zip lining on Independence Pass despite the threatening rain and cold temperature, and the entire group pushed themselves and participated in some aspect of the high ropes course at Colorado Mountain College. What amazed me was how far a little support and encouragement went. Congratulations to all 23 middle schoolers from Aspen to Carbondale who overcame their fears, made new friends, and learned new leadership skills!

August Buddy Anniversaries, Community Program

2005
Mike Waters & Alejandro O.

2008
Chris Tedstone & Chris D. (pictured)

2009
Julie Goldstein, Tony O'Rourke & Aaron L.

2010
Aaron Pearlman & Bryan C.
Susan Drazin & Rosa M.
Tricia Louthis & Emma Rose E.

2011
Stephen Watson & Max S.

August: Volunteers

By Lindsay Lofaro, Director of Programs

The months are flying off the calendar, and as we contemplate the change in the season in August the Buddy Program is celebrating our *commitment* to the amazing *volunteers* who help make our

Little Buddy: Obed G.

Age: 12

Lives in: Carbondale

Favorite animals: Lions

Favorite things to do: I like to play basketball, go to the park, ride bikes, and take walks

Favorite food: There is no food I don't like!

When I grow up: I want to be a police officer or scientist

New Buddy Pair

New Pair: Nayeli R. and Jackie Bosworth

Age: 12

Lives in: Carbondale

Date paired: 7/29

Favorite activities with her Big Buddy so far: Hiking the Rio Grande then eating frozen yogurt together!

D.R.E.A.M. Day Camp August 5-9, 2013

23, 6th-8th grade students attended the Buddy Program's annual D.R.E.A.M. Day Camp during the week of August 5th-9th. Campers developed teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills through a variety of fun activities.

They planned, designed, and created a mural which is on display at the new Carbondale library through mid-September- the mural represents the 4 seasons in nature, expressing how each one is different and wonderful in its own way. We took a field trip to ACES Rock Bottom Ranch where campers toured the property, held 6-day-old rabbits, gathered eggs, and made candles. Campers pushed their limits at the CMC Spring Valley high ropes course, where the most popular challenge was the "Flying Squirrel." Aspen Expeditions provided us with an incredible day of rock climbing on Independence Pass, complete with an adventure zip line across the Roaring Fork River! Campers also swam at the ARC, enjoyed a BBQ picnic a'la chefs extraordinaire David Houggy and Alex Kendrick, and explored the Grottos area on Independence Pass.

Campers walked away with new friendships and wishing that camp could continue forever!!

programs happen!

According to the Independent Sector, the estimated value of volunteer time for 2012 is $22.14 per hour, but at the Buddy Program we put the value as "priceless!" Over 300 adult and high school volunteer Big Buddies at the Buddy Program truly strengthen our community by "guiding and inspiring youth through mentoring." Our volunteer Board and Leadership Development Board members give of their time to ensure quality programming as well as work tirelessly to raise funds to keep our programs going. And our dozens of event volunteers allow us to keep event expenses for The Bash and Boogie's Buddy Race low!

We rely on volunteers to give back to their community and are truly thankful for the dedication and commitment that our volunteers show us each and every day! Thank you for being the best group of volunteers that any organization in the valley could have!

To become a volunteer with the Buddy Program- call us at 970.920.2130!

Think you missed the fabulous auction at the Bash?! Think again!

These great items are available now...

6 Bottles of HALL Wine

One Night Stay at the Little Nell Hotel PLUS Backcountry Cat Skiing and Dinner at Element 47

DAYTONA 500

The spectacular mural can be found displayed at the new library in Carbondale!

A Conversation on Mentoring and Tutoring:

The Simple Interventions that Can Change a Girl's Life

THE WOMEN'S FOUNDATION OF COLORADO

When: Wednesday, September 11
Where: CMC- Aspen Campus Gallery Room (126)
Schedule: 8:30 AM coffee and light breakfast, 9-11:30 AM workshop

- Hear from local educators and non-profits about initiatives and interventions that are in place and working:

Dr. Diana Sirko, Supt. RE-1, Dr. Susan Birdsey, Supt. RE-2 Aspen Youth Center, Access Roaring Fork, Garfield PREP Pre-Collegiate Program, **the Buddy Program**, Yampah Teen Parent, YouthEntity, and Youth Zone

- Help us determine what we can do to get more women involved in mentoring and tutoring.

- Hear about volunteer opportunities with local non-profits.

Thank You "Family Night Out" Host

Each month, the Buddy Program selects one of our families to enjoy an all-expense-paid dinner at a fantastic local restaurant, as a way of celebrating their involvement in the Buddy Program and giving them a chance to relax and enjoy themselves. This is an amazing opportunity for them to come together as a family and enjoy a quality meal out. Thank you **Downvalley Tavern** for hosting a July Family Night Out!

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Aspen Science Festival

The Buddy Program participated in the second annual Aspen Science Festival held on August 11th. Staff members Sarah

2 Passes to the 2014 Daytona 500

Please contact Liz at the Buddy Program to make an offer on the following items:

- Gift Certificate to Aspen Crossfit Elements Class, value of $225

- Two Nights Stay of Doggy Day Care at the Aspen Boarding Kennel and one dog or cat grooming session, value of $150

- Yearly City of Aspen Parking Pass, value of $3,500

THANK YOU, TOWN.

We wish to extend a special thank you to Mark Fischer and the staff of Town. for hosting our Mentor and Mingle event.

On Wednesday, August 14th, Big Buddies, Leadership Development Board Members, Buddy Program Board Members and Staff welcomed over 35 guests to enjoy appetizers and cocktails on the patio of Town. in order to support the Buddy Program's presence in Carbondale and learn more about volunteer opportunities. Over 12 individuals signed up to receive more information about volunteering in the mid-valley region. For more information on how you can become involved, please contact Heather Hicks at heather@buddyprogram.org or 920-2130.

Evans and Dave Houggy manned the Buddy Program booth and taught kids how to make their own ice cream! The activity was a huge hit and we are excited to get involved again next year! **Thank you Tony at Clark's Market for the $50 donation towards the ice cream supplies!**

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