



**The Second Largest Mentoring Organization in Colorado!**

Dear Jamie,

Wow! What a great summer! While some of our programs (Peer-to-Peer, School-Based, and our Outdoor Leadership class) are on hiatus, our LEAD summer camps, Lemonade Day, Big Buddy Recruiting and Buddy activities are in full swing! See below for updates.

It is also an important time of year to raise critical funds in support of our programs and the over 1,000 youth that we serve with Boogie's Buddy Race on July 4 and The Bash for the Buddies on July 9. The Bash was a resounding success this year, with over 550 people going "Back to Boogie's" Merry-Go Ranch with the theme "Rebel with a Cause". And what a cause it was! Our largest crowd since the pre-2008 era helped us meet our targets for the evening. We still have plenty of fundraising work to do for the rest of the year, but we have a solid foundation from which to meet our goals in order to continue to grow and sustain our high quality programs.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the volunteers and donors who supported us this summer -- we could not do what we do without your help!

Happy Summer!

David Houggy  
Executive Director

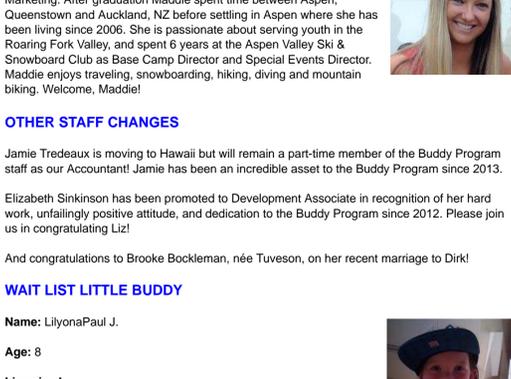
## THANK YOU!

We sincerely thank all of our champions and friends who were able to join us at The Bash for the Buddies on July 9 and Boogie's Buddy Race on July 4. Thanks to you and your meaningful generosity, both events were a big success!

Click [here](#) to see photos from The Bash

Click [here](#) to see photos and race results from Boogie's Buddy Race

Click [here](#) to view a few items remaining in our Bash After-Auction



**The Bash for the Buddies will REMAIN at Boogie's Merry-Go Ranch in 2016! Stay tuned for the 17th Annual Bash date!**

## WELCOME, MADDIE!

Maddie Hawken jumped right into the Buddy Program's busiest season (June) as our Business Manager. She graduated from the University of Auckland, New Zealand with a BSc in Human Geography and a BAC in Marketing. After graduation Maddie spent time between Aspen, Queenstown and Auckland, NZ before settling in Aspen where she has been living since 2006. She is passionate about serving youth in the Roaring Fork Valley, and spent 6 years at the Aspen Valley Ski & Snowboard Club as Base Camp Director and Special Events Director. Maddie enjoys traveling, snowboarding, hiking, diving and mountain biking. Welcome, Maddie!



## OTHER STAFF CHANGES

Jamie Tredeaux is moving to Hawaii but will remain a part-time member of the Buddy Program staff as our Accountant! Jamie has been an incredible asset to the Buddy Program since 2013.

Elizabeth Sinkinson has been promoted to Development Associate in recognition of her hard work, unfailingly positive attitude, and dedication to the Buddy Program since 2012. Please join us in congratulating Liz!

And congratulations to Brooke Bockleman, née Tuveson, on her recent marriage to Dirk!

## WAIT LIST LITTLE BUDDY

**Name:** LilyonaPaul J.

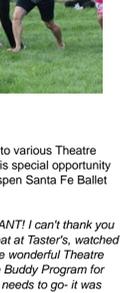
**Age:** 8

**Lives in:** Aspen

**Favorite activities:** "Playing outside with my friends and riding our bikes and scooters."

**Favorite animal:** "Ferrets because they are cute and long, but I would also like a dog."

**If she had a Big Buddy:** LilyonaPaul would benefit from a woman that encourages higher education, among the many other important qualities Buddy Program mentors possess!



## NEW PAIR

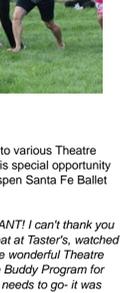
**Names:** Elizabeth Sager & Janette K.

**Community Program Buddies in:** Aspen

**Buddies since:** May 2015

**Favorite activity together:** So far, the Snowmass Rodeo! But they also enjoy playing Frisbee, walking around town and just being outside together.

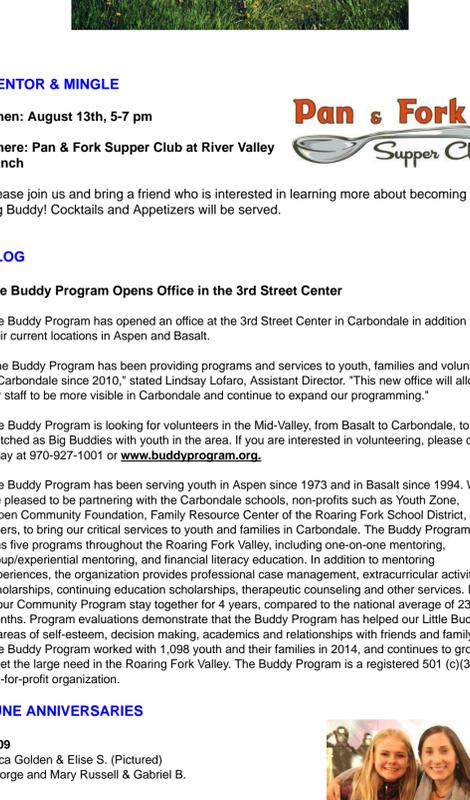
**Why this Pair works:** Liz is a super high energy person so a perfect match for the exuberant Janette! They both enjoy a wide variety of active and artistic activities and are having so much fun together.



## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

### June 23, 2015 Buddy & Family Picnic

Over 100 Little Buddies, Big Buddies, and some of their family members attended the Buddy Program's Annual Picnic at Arbaney Park in Basalt to celebrate summer and their special relationships! In addition to sharing a wonderful BBQ dinner including many homemade delicacies brought by our Little Buddies' families, participants enjoyed wonderful entertainment and activities with juggling phenomenon, Jammin Jim, as well as world record holder Hula Hooper, Betty Hoops (AKA Betty Shurin). Our Buddy and Family Picnic is quickly becoming one of our favorite events of the year and it is such a testament to the profound impact that mentors have on the lives of youth.



## Cultural Events

This summer, the Buddy program has been able to send 16 Buddy Pairs to various Theatre Aspen shows and Aspen Santa Fe Ballet dance series performances. This special opportunity has been made possible through the generosity of Theatre Aspen and Aspen Santa Fe Ballet discounting Buddy Pair tickets. One mentor wrote the following:

*"WOW WOW WOW!!!! The show Peter and the Starcatcher was BRILLIANT! I can't thank you enough for allowing my Little Buddy and me to attend. We had a bite to eat at Taster's, watched some soccer on the Rio Grande Field, and then made our way over to the wonderful Theatre Aspen. We had an absolutely fabulous evening and are so grateful to the Buddy Program for providing tickets to the show for us!!!! Anyone who hasn't seen this show needs to go- it was incredible- and hilarious- and heartwarming."*

## LEAD (LEADERSHIP THROUGH EXPLORATION, ACTION AND DISCOVERY)

### Youth Camp, June 12-16

28 high-school aged students attended our Annual Moab Youth Camp this year. Five of them took on the leadership role of Peer Counselor, for which they had to apply and be accepted. All of the participants had an amazing 5 days- demonstrating huge amounts of teamwork, encouragement, support for one another, empathy, enthusiasm, and friendship.

Our last moments at camp were filled with hugs, thankfulness, laughter, tears, and a "Circle of Admiration" where participants shared compliments and acknowledgements with one another. Their favorite things at camp included rafting, canyoneering for the first time, meeting new friends, and lots and lots of laughing. Campers who have overcome some major challenges in their personal life thanked us for making camp a "safe and happy place."

On behalf of all our campers and our staff, thank you to our donors for making this experience possible for 28 youth. It's a life changing opportunity for them that inspires us all to continue doing good work!



## MENTOR & MINGLE

**When:** August 13th, 5-7 pm

**Where:** Pan & Fork Supper Club at River Valley Ranch



Please join us and bring a friend who is interested in learning more about becoming a Big Buddy! Cocktails and Appetizers will be served.

## BLOG

### The Buddy Program Opens Office in the 3rd Street Center

The Buddy Program has opened an office at the 3rd Street Center in Carbondale in addition to their current locations in Aspen and Basalt.

"The Buddy Program has been providing programs and services to youth, families and volunteers in Carbondale since 2010," stated Lindsay Lofaro, Assistant Director. "This new office will allow our staff to be more visible in Carbondale and continue to expand our programming."

The Buddy Program is looking for volunteers in the Mid-Valley, from Basalt to Carbondale, to be matched as Big Buddies with youth in the area. If you are interested in volunteering, please call today at 970-927-1001 or [www.buddyprogram.org](http://www.buddyprogram.org).

The Buddy Program has been serving youth in Aspen since 1973 and in Basalt since 1994. We are pleased to be partnering with the Carbondale schools, non-profits such as Youth Zone, Aspen Community Foundation, Family Resource Center of the Roaring Fork School District, and others, to bring our critical services to youth and families in Carbondale. The Buddy Program runs five programs throughout the Roaring Fork Valley, including one-on-one mentoring, group/experiential mentoring, and financial literacy education. In addition to mentoring experiences, the organization provides professional case management, extracurricular activity scholarships, continuing education scholarships, therapeutic counseling and other services. Pairs in our Community Program stay together for 4 years, compared to the national average of 23 months. Program evaluations demonstrate that the Buddy Program has helped our Little Buddies in areas of self-esteem, decision making, academics and relationships with friends and family. The Buddy Program worked with 1,098 youth and their families in 2014, and continues to grow to meet the large need in the Roaring Fork Valley. The Buddy Program is a registered 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

**2009**  
Erica Golden & Elise S. (Pictured)  
George and Mary Russell & Gabriel B.



**2010**  
Makenzie Eshelman & Erica C.

**2012**  
Raphael Fasi & Jose A.Z.  
Samuel Bernal Urbina & Christian G.M.

**2013**  
Candy Huffman & Angelle N.  
Carlos Perez & Jesus M. (Pictured)  
Ryan Larkin & Jacob M.  
Kayla Feld & Abigail P.



**2014**  
Hailey Guglielmo & Ashley B.  
Anne Nordin & Ana T.  
David Houggy & Larz W.

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

**2013**  
Lindsey Palardy & Angelica T.  
Michelle Mcgrory & Kenya A. (Pictured)  
Jacqueline Bosworth Deam & Nayeli R.  
Jared Goulet & Edgar O.



**2014**  
Travis and Cresta Stewart & Luis M.

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

**2005**  
Mike Waters & Alejandro O. (Pictured- Alejandro is now 17 but we couldn't resist sharing this sweet picture)



**2008**  
Chris Tedstone & Chris C.

**2010**  
Susan Drazin & Rosa M.  
Tricia Louthis & Emma E.B.

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