the Buddy Program

Inspire. Empower. **Mentor!**

Dear Jamie,

Greetings of the season! As the holidays approach and we bid farewell to 2014, I hope that you will consider the Buddy Program in your year-end giving.

The Buddy Program works with nearly 1,000 youth and their families each year, and all of our programs and services are offered at no cost to our participants. **Our work is only made possible through the generous support of people like you, who recognize the importance of healthy youth and families to the quality of life and future of our community.**

Thanks to your support, we are able to provide the following services to those in our mentoring programs:

- A Big Buddy and a professional Case Manager, providing Little Buddies and their families with over 300 hours of time annually
- 20 free Buddy Activities each year and monthly activities for students in our LEAD programs
- Empowerment scholarships of up to $200 per year, so that each Little Buddy can pursue activities of their choice such as skiing, karate, or music lessons
- Interactive trainings for Big Buddies and the parents of Little Buddies, to educate them about our services and the role of a mentor
- Counseling services, when required, for the Little Buddy and/or her family
- Coordination of services provided by outside organizations to help support the families of Little Buddies
- Buddy Pair discounts to over 40 businesses in the valley
- Referrals to the Holiday Basket program at Christ Church to families in need
- Training, supervision and activities provided to the 200 high school volunteers who act as Big Buddies to elementary and middle school students in our Peer-to-Peer program
- Outdoor Leadership courses at Roaring Fork and Carbondale Middle Schools
- Youth Camp in Moab, Utah
- DREAM Day Camp in Basalt
- Lemonade Day curriculum and workshops throughout the Valley!

Please help the Buddy Program continue to make a positive difference for our community's youth. **Click here** to make an online donation today! A gift of any size is deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Wishing you and your family a very happy holidays,

David Houggy
Executive Director

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN DECEMBER

Donate financially

'Tis the season to consider a year-end gift to the Buddy Program! Your fully tax-deductible donation will ensure that the Buddy Program can continue its important work throughout the year. We have been very busy lately- read on to learn how we provide *more than mentoring* to youth and their families.

DONATE **NOW** ➤

Donate your time: Become a Big Buddy!

Help us EXCEED our 2014 goal of matching more youth who are waiting for a mentor by applying today! For more information contact Heather Hicks at 970.920.2130, heather@buddyprogram.org, or check out our website: **BuddyProgram.org**.

WAIT LIST LITTLE BUDDY

Name: Phoebe B.

Age: 8

Lives in: Aspen

Loves: "Swimming, ice skating, the park, art and school."

Things she would like to do with her Big Buddy: "Help my Big Buddy cook and I want to learn how to ski!"

NEW PAIR

Names: Abbey Bentley and Jackie

Live in: Aspen

Buddies since: October 9

Best day together so far: "We played soccer in the park, walked through the John Denver sanctuary and then had hot chocolate!"

COMMUNITY BUDDY ACTIVITIES

Gingerbread House Workshop, December 7

The Buddy Program would like to thank Helen DeFrance and Jim Fifield for hosting the 2nd Annual Gingerbread House Workshop. The joy in the room was palpable as over 160 Big and Little Buddies decorated more than 80 houses under Helen's expert guidance! Thirty current and former high school Big Buddies from our Peer-to-Peer programs volunteered to help distribute candy and decorate gingerbread houses. We are also indebted to Simon Chen, Pete Hayda, and all of the staff of The Little Nell, which generously donated the space, supplies and labor, and to Italian Wine Merchants for donating the wine for our sponsor reception.

This special event has become an important fundraising event for the Buddy Program, and we raised more than $55,000, thanks to Jim and Helen, and the generous support of our table sponsors: Don Drapkin; Adam Goldsmith; the Gorsuch Family; Lorrie Wright-LaRose and Tim LaRose; Mona Look-Mazza and Tony Mazza; Bill Powers; Kathy Ross and David Houggy; Angie and Gary Stewart; Charles Cunniffe Architects; Coldwell Banker Mason Morse; and Wells Fargo The Private Bank. Thank you to all who supported this event! This was truly a community effort and we are very thankful for the funds that were raised to benefit the Buddy Program's five youth mentoring programs- a wonderful and exciting way to end another fantastic year here at the Buddy Program!

Bottom left: Hosts, Jim Fifield and Helen DeFrance
Bottom right: Executive Director and Big Buddy David Houggy with Helen DeFrance and Olivia P.
Check out the rest of the photos here!

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LEAD (LEADERSHIP THROUGH EXPLORATION, ACTION AND DISCOVERY)

Service Projects

FOOD DRIVE
COLLECTION DATES:
1 can per class = 1 point for your class! Beat the other classes!
COLLECTION AREAS
FRESHMEN - KEERY'S ROOM
SOPHOMORES - OLSZEWSKI'S ROOM
JUNIORS - WHISLER'S ROOM
SENIORS - LIBRARY FRONT/MAIN DESK

Our Roaring Fork High School Outdoor Leadership class is working on service projects! Topics they are focusing on include anti-bullying, a food drive, and making improvements to Roaring Fork School District's up-and-coming Outdoor Classroom site. They will focus on their projects through mid-January, and in the process have an opportunity to learn and improve upon "executive skills" such as teamwork, communication, goal-setting, and meeting deadlines.

BLOG: Thanksgiving 2014

On Thanksgiving Day, Buddy Pair Mary Anne Meyer and Cliara S. organized and delivered Thanksgiving dinners from the Maroon Creek Club to several of our family's doorsteps up and down the valley. The women brought a lot of joy to these families this holiday! A special thank you to Stephen McDonald and Gary Watts of the Maroon Creek Club for their generous donation and support.

Thanksgiving at the Hickory House

A big thank-you to Paul Dioguardi, the staff of the Hickory House and all the fantastic volunteers for once again providing a wonderful Thanksgiving tradition to the Roaring Fork community. The Buddy Program is so fortunate and grateful to be the recipients of your generous donations!

RECRUITMENT

Town., November 19

On November 19 Mark Fischer generously hosted a recruitment reception and fundraising dinner benefiting the Buddy Program at his restaurant in Carbondale, Town. The free reception was followed by a decadent 5-course meal and of course, local comradery all around!

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LISTEN UP!

On December 10, David Houggy, Executive Director and Heather Hicks, Director of Recruitment and Lemonade Day City Director, were interviewed on KAJX Aspen's CrossCurrents by the talented Carolyne Heldman. We recommend that you **tune in** to this interesting interview and learn more about David, Heather and the breadth of important work the Buddy Program does here in the Roaring Fork Valley!

The CP Burger and Aspen Magazine Buddy Burger Contest is still OPEN!

Show off your creative culinary talents and submit your entry today! The winning burger recipe will be featured on the CP Burger menu this winter as the CP Buddy Burger! And, for every CP Buddy Burger sold, CP Burger will donate 20% of the proceeds to the Buddy Program!

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NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2006
John Forster& Noah D.

2007
Justin Hood & Carlos V. (pictured)
Logan Hood & Luis G. (pictured)

2010
Rodney Hill & Javier C.

2012
Susie Patterson & Climary S.

2013
Peter & Sandy Johnson & Fernando R.
Elizabeth Sinkinson & Madison M.
Bonnie McDill & Arleth H.
Terry Bannon & Gelvin A.

203 DAYS UNTIL...THE 2015 BASH FOR THE BUDDIES!

July 9, 2015

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