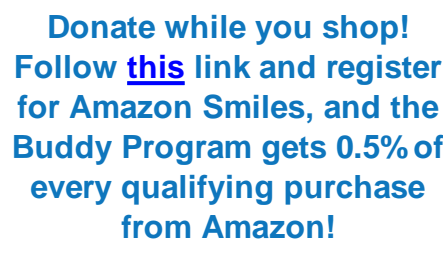
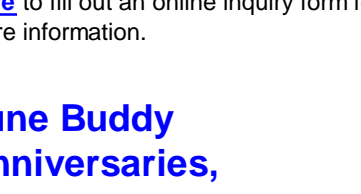


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**Become a Mentor**

To date since January 1, 2014, we have received 23 new Big Buddy applications from people who want to join our program as a mentor! In 2013, we received 54 new Big Buddy applications 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 inquiry form for more information.

**June Buddy Anniversaries, Community Program**

**2003**  
Peter Dolan & Vladimir F.

**2009**  
Erica Golden & Elise S.  
George & Mary Russel & Gabriel B.

**2010**  
Keith Ikeda & Oscar C.  
Makenzie Eshelman & Erica C.

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

**2013**  
Candace Huffman & Angelle N.  
Carlos Perez & Jesus M. (pictured)  
Carlton McCoy & Sky S.  
Kayla Feld & Abigail P.  
Ryan Larkin & Jacob M.



**Wish List**

The Buddy Program is looking for some items to help us support our programs and defray expenses! Contact [liz@buddyprogram.org](mailto:liz@buddyprogram.org) if you would like to donate to our Wish List!

- LEGOs
- 2, 3 or 4-man tents
- Backpacking backpacks
- Board games and puzzles in new or gently used condition
- Rosetta Stone, Spanish
- Marriott points
- United or Delta Miles

Dear Jamie,

I often use this space to tell you about what we're up to here in the Roaring Fork Valley. And of course I should remind you to get your Bash tickets, register for Boogie's Buddy Race, and come out and support Lemonade Day this coming weekend. But this month I want to tell you about some of what Buddy Program staff have been up to OUTSIDE of the Roaring Fork Valley.

Part of what makes our programs so strong is our investment in staff development, and sharing best practices and ideas with other mentoring programs around the country. I'm very proud that in the past few years the Buddy Program is increasingly recognized on the national stage and asked to present at various conferences around the country. Here's what we've been up to in the past 6 months:

- In January, Assistant Director Lindsay Lofaro and Senior Case Manager Sarah Evans traveled to Washington, D.C., to present at the National Mentoring Conference. Their presentation, "Keeping the Flame Alive" shared some of our best practices for how we get Buddy Pairs to stay together for so long -- 4.4 years on average versus fewer than 2 for national mentoring programs.
- In April, Recruiting Director Heather Hicks was invited to present at the Friends of Youth conference in San Francisco. Her presentation on what we're up to in recruiting new Big Buddies was very well received, as she shared some insight on how we've managed to do more than DOUBLE the number of new mentors we recruit each year.
- Finally, also in April, Community Program Manager Sole Lowe presented our best practices for mentor screening and training at the Colorado Statewide Mentoring Conference, also to great acclaim. We have very rigorous processes for ensuring the safety and quality of our Buddy Pairs, and other organizations look to our lead.

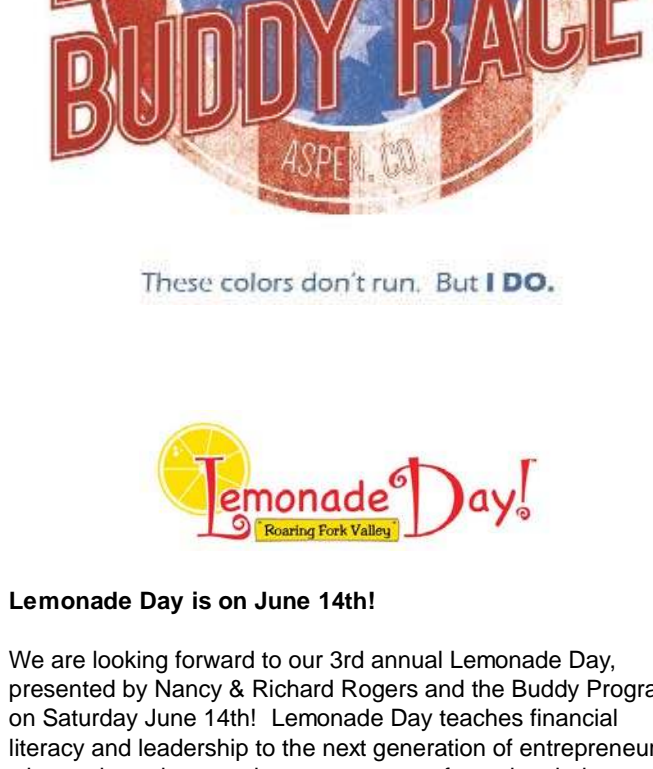
All of these trips are an investment, but well worth it. In addition to sharing what we are up to, we always learn a lot from what other organizations are doing. I am very proud of our staff for all of the good work we are doing. The recognition that we are awarded by the opportunities to present at these conferences is just further proof that we are doing great work!

And don't forget -- Lemonade Day, Boogies Buddy Race and the Bash are just around the corner!

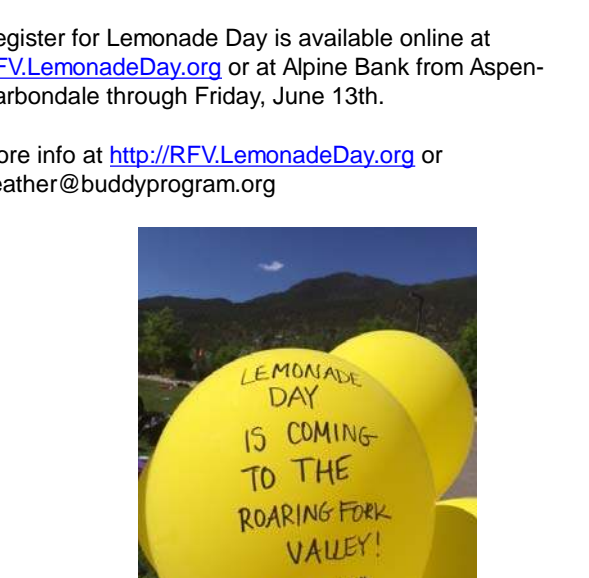
*Liz*

David Houggy  
Executive Director

**RESERVE YOUR SEATS NOW!**  
Thursday, July 10th



**Race registration is OPEN! Click here to register and/or make a donation today!**



These colors don't run. But I DO.



**Lemonade Day is on June 14th!**

We are looking forward to our 3rd annual Lemonade Day, presented by Nancy & Richard Rogers and the Buddy Program, on Saturday June 14th! Lemonade Day teaches financial literacy and leadership to the next generation of entrepreneurs, who go through a step-by-step process of creating their own business. On June 14th, please come out and support this important program and enjoy some delicious lemonade as the young entrepreneurs open their stands for business!

Click [here](#) to view our Google Map to find the location of lemonade stands on June 14th!

Also, if you are a participant in Lemonade Day, please submit a photo of your lemonade stand to: [Heather@buddyprogram.org](mailto:Heather@buddyprogram.org) by Tuesday, June 17th for a chance to win Best Lemonade Stand 2014! Winner will get the chance to set up their stand at a Food & Wine event on Friday, June 20th!

Register for Lemonade Day is available online at [RFV.LemonadeDay.org](http://RFV.LemonadeDay.org) or at Alpine Bank from Aspen-Carbondale through Friday, June 13th.

More info at <http://RFV.LemonadeDay.org> or [heather@buddyprogram.org](mailto:heather@buddyprogram.org)



**Wait List Little Buddy**

**Little Buddy:** Luis R.

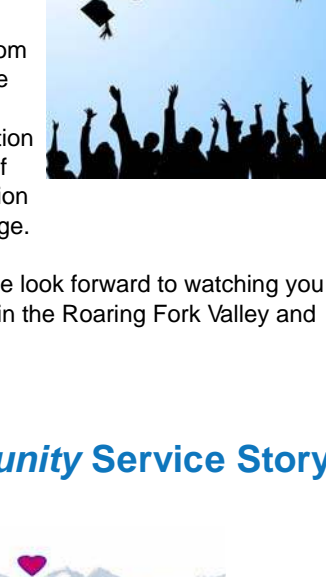
**Age:** 10

**Lives in:** Basalt

**Favorite things:** Soccer, snowboarding, going to the movies, dogs, karate, and spending time with my (Peer-to-Peer) Big Buddy, Matt.

**Favorite food:** Enchiladas

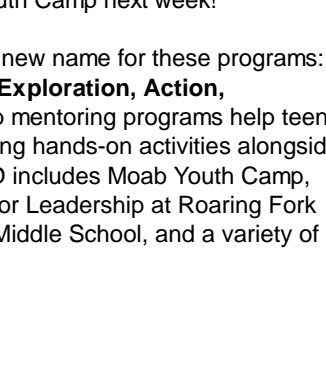
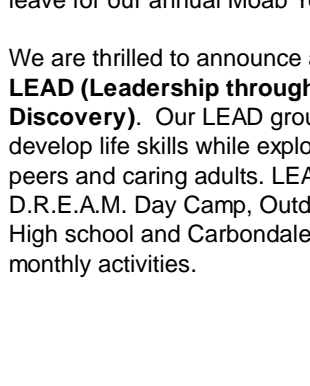
**When he grows up:** I want to be a Big Buddy!



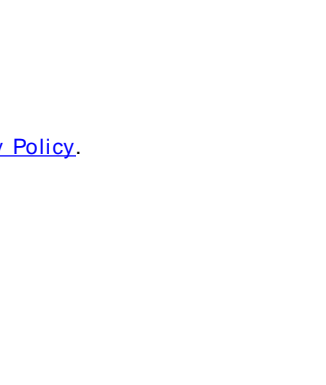
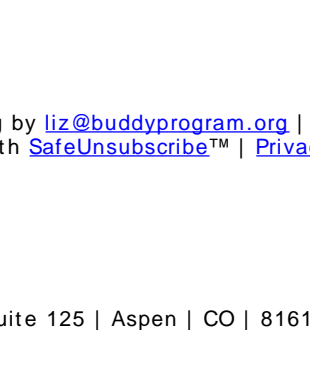
**New Buddy Pairs**

**Our Case Management Team has been particularly hard at work since May 1 matching 6 stellar pairs in the Community Program!** We are so excited that we had to introduce you to them all this month!

Rebecca Doane & Jozie M. Jason Slothouber & Michael K.



David Houggy & Larz W. (Transitioned from School-based) Paul MacCaskill and Enrique M.



Hailey Guglielmo & Ashley B.



Anne Nordin & Ana T.



**Continuing Education Scholarships**

This year the Buddy Program awarded \$38,600 to 34 high school seniors who have volunteered as Big Buddies through Peer-to-Peer, been involved as a Little Buddy or as an experiential youth participant. Seven of these individuals are the first generation in their families to attend college. Scholarship amounts range from \$250 to \$4000. Since 2012 the Buddy Program has awarded \$125,100 in continuing education scholarships to 65 youth, 22 of whom have been first generation in their families to attend college.



Congratulations graduates! We look forward to watching you grow as mentors and leaders in the Roaring Fork Valley and beyond.

**Love Your Community Service Story**



Brothers Gaby and Elmer B., both Little Buddies in the Community Program, spent two days volunteering their time as leaders of young Boy Scouts during two days of activities at a Boy Scout Camp. They were mentors during Boy Scout Camp at Jolly Ranch in New Castle. Great job volunteering and leading boys who look up to you, Gaby and Elmer!



Volunteering? Make sure you tell your Case Manager so that we can feature you in our next E-Newsletter!

**Renaming of Experiential Programs**

Things are busy with our Experiential Group Mentoring programs as the school year winds down and we prepare to leave for our annual Moab Youth Camp next week!

We are thrilled to announce a new name for these programs: **LEAD (Leadership through Exploration, Action, Discovery)**. Our LEAD group mentoring programs help teens develop life skills while exploring hands-on activities alongside peers and caring adults. LEAD includes Moab Youth Camp, D.R.E.A.M. Day Camp, Outdoor Leadership at Roaring Fork High School and Carbondale Middle School, and a variety of monthly activities.

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