

The Second Largest Mentoring Organization in Colorado!

Dear Jamie:

On February 26th, we hosted our annual Buddy Program Ski Day at Buttermilk for our Big and Little Buddies. Over lunch at Bumps I visited with many of the Buddy Pairs that came out for the day, some who have been coming for years and some who were new.



People often ask what "type" of child we enroll in our programs. And there is no "one size fits all" answer to this; we believe that every child needs a mentor. Not all, but many times, the youth in our program have been disappointed by adults or faced loss. We do know from research that the more consistent the volunteer mentor is, the more the youth will benefit from their experience. So, it is consistency that we emphasize when we train and screen our volunteers. If a Big Buddy wants to spend three hours a week with their Little Buddy, that is fantastic, if they are consistent with that throughout the relationship. One of the most important things their Big Buddy provides is a consistent presence who will show up when they say they are going to.

We are so grateful to all of our Big Buddies, and on Sunday, February 26th, many of them once again showed up. It was a gorgeous, sunny day that could have lured them off to ski with friends or family (and, yes, many of our Big Buddies are parents themselves) but they showed up for their Little Buddy. It is the commitment and consistency of our volunteers that makes our program so special.

The Buddy Program consistently shows up for the youth and families in our community. In 2016 we proved this through our various programs and services for youth. To read more, [check out our 2016 Annual Report](#). It is also time to start thinking about supporting the Buddy Program at the Bash for the Buddies on July 6! [Tickets and tables are on sale now.](#)

With consistent gratitude,

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Lindsay H. Lofaro
Executive Director

TICKETS AND TABLES ARE ON SALE NOW!
Purchase your table(s) before April 1 to be included on the
2017 Host Committee!

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The Buddy Program is seeking a
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Program through
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Thank you to the
following organizations
for their support this
month:



Name: Nayeli N. Age: 14 Lives in: El Jebel



Nayeli is an 8th grader at Basalt Middle School. She is a smart, sweet, compassionate, and very articulate girl. In her free time she enjoys riding her bike, baking, listening to music, going to the pool, arts & crafts, and being outdoors. Education is important to Nayeli; she feels happy when she gets her homework done. Her dream is to go to college and become a nurse or doctor. She is looking forward to having a Big Buddy "who understands me, who has hope, and also someone I can trust during difficult moments".

Contact LauraS@buddyprogram.org to learn about becoming a mentor TODAY!

NEW PAIRS



Erica Borum & Anaiyh W.



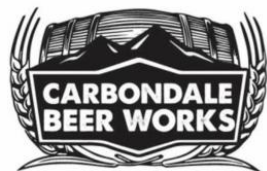
MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

2012

Will Rutledge & Bodi F.
(Pictured below in 2012 and 2016!)

2015

Carolyn Sackariason & Sandra D.
Stewart Curry & Gandhi L.
Damon Giordano & Nick S.
Danielle Grivalsky & Alondra D.
Melissa Resutko & Phoebe B.
Ana Rodriguez & Alejandra V.



Bingo for Buddies at Beer Works

Wednesday, March 15th, 2017
7:30pm, Carbondale Beer Works

\$1 Per Bingo card
Suggested donation
(buy as many as you want)
All donations go directly to the Buddy Program!
Beer, and gift certificate prizes from Beer Works!
Bring your friends!



2016

Clarity Fornell & Roxana M.



LEAD (Leadership through Exploration, Action and Discovery)



Students in our Basalt and Roaring Fork High School Outdoor Leadership classes have been out snowshoeing in preparation for their 3-day backcountry hut trips, coming up in the next month. Here is our Basalt class at the summit of Willie's Peak in Glenwood.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Mawa's Kitchen Cooking Class



On February 7th, Mawa's Kitchen hosted another cooking class for a group of 20 energetic and enthusiastic Buddies! The group rocked out to music from Glee while making and decorating cake pops, and enjoying a wonderful meal together. Thank you to Daniel & Mawa for again facilitating such a fun experience for our Buddy Pairs!

Ski Day



The Buddy Program held our annual Ski & Snowboard Day on Sunday, February 26th at Buttermilk. The group included Buddy Pairs who ski frequently together along with Pairs whose only opportunity to ski together is this Buddy Program event. A huge thank you to Jamie K. for skiing with a beginner skier and enabling her to gain confidence on her skis, to Bumps for a delicious lunch, and to Aspen Ski Co and Four Mountain Sports for providing the passes and equipment that our Buddies needed to get out and enjoy the mountain together!

MENTOR SPOTLIGHT



Melissa Resutko and Phoebe B. have been Buddies since March of 2015. They bonded instantly and their joy in each other's presence is contagious for anyone around them. Melissa has also gone above and beyond for the Buddy Program when her good friend and fellow Big Buddy, Jimmy Dula, left in December for an internship. Melissa has included Jimmy's Little Buddy, Oliver, in many of her outings with Phoebe so he could continue to experience the benefits of the Buddy Program despite Jimmy's temporary absence!

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