



Dear Jamie:


I am excited to announce the release of the Buddy Program's Annual Report for 2015! The 28-page color report details our programs and activities for the year, and is a testament to the many Buddies, volunteers, donors, staff, board members, sponsors, partner organizations and others who make all that we do possible. We are incredibly proud of the work that we do each year, and humbled by the amount of support that we receive from the community that makes this possible!

Here are a few highlights:

- In 2015 we served 981 youth, up from 644 in 2010
- Over 400 people volunteered as Big Buddies, event volunteers and board members
- We opened a new office in Carbondale, and expanded our Karen and Nathan Sandler LEAD Outdoor Leadership class to Basalt High School
- A modern-day record 550 people attended the Bash for the Buddies
- Our Gingerbread House Workshop is now the single largest Buddy activity and second-largest fundraiser

I encourage you to read the full report, which can be found [here](#).

Thank you to everyone who makes what we do possible. We look forward to doing it all again in 2016!



David Huggy
Executive Director

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THE COUNTDOWN IS ON...

120 DAYS

UNTIL THE BASH FOR THE BUDDIES

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016

Boogie's Merry-Go Ranch



THE KAREN AND NATHAN SANDLER LEAD PROGRAM
(LEADERSHIP THROUGH EXPLORATION, ACTION AND DISCOVERY)

The Buddy Program Needs YOU to LEAD!

The Outdoor Leadership class is going on two hut trips in early April! THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to date towards our gear and equipment fund through GoFundMe. Thanks for all of the support! We're over ¼ of the way there, but there is more work to be done!

[CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR WISHLIST AND TO DONATE!](#)

In other LEAD news:

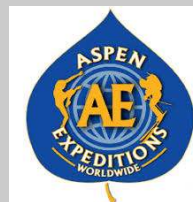
Wilderness First Aid Certification

15 high school students from our Basalt and Carbondale Outdoor Leadership program earned their Wilderness First Aid certification! These students

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Thank you to the following organizations for their support this month:

Aspen Expeditions



Aspen Skiing Company



Basalt Education Foundation



Green Cuisine Aspen

committed 16 hours of training time with Desert Mountain Medicine staff and gained essential skills in the area of backcountry emergency first aid and CPR. They practiced problem solving, critical thinking, teamwork, and communication skills while working their way through first aid scenarios.



WAIT LIST LITTLE BUDDY

Name: Ubaldo B.

Age: 12

Lives in: El Jebel

Favorite activities: *"I like sports like football, basketball and snowboarding. I also do Folklorico, which is traditional Mexican dance, and I was in the Nutcracker this winter."*

When he grows up: *"I want to be a professional football player."*

Why the Buddy Program loves Ubaldo: Ubaldo is an Honor Roll student at BMS and loves getting involved. We think he would thrive with a mentor that shares his excitement for trying new things and staying active!



NEW COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL-BASED PAIRS

12 new pairs in 2016!

Mawa's Kitchen



The White House Tavern



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

2012

Elizabeth Hagerty & Jasmin H.
Will Rutledge & Bodi F.

2015

Carolyn Sackariason & Sandra T.
Stewart Curry & Gandhy L.
Damon Giordano & Nick S.
Danielle Grivalsky & Alondra D.
Shannon McHugh & Jennifer M.
Melissa Resutko & Phoebe B.
Ana Rodriguez & Aljeandra V.

IN THE NEWS

[Non-Profit in the Spotlight: Buddy Program Part 1](#)

Sole Lowe discusses the history and evolution of mentoring over the years

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF COLORADO HEALTH



Community Pairs Pictured from left to right:

Zuzana Daniels & Caitlin J., Brett Nelson & Michael Q., Erin Greenwood & Monica A., Valerie Arenivar & Valerie V., Hana Maclean & Eliza M., George Russell & Sergio R., Bryan Baker & Aiden S., Alex Tiernan & Manuel M., Sarah Armstrong & Alejandra V., Lindsay Dudycha & Camila N.



Above: School-based Pair Christie Doyon & Hazel N., and Community-based Pair Clarity Fornell & Roxana M.

[To see more of our Buddy Pairs, click here!](#)

RECRUITMENT

TIP



One of our corporate partners, Children's Hospital of Colorado, will be contributing a monthly health tip in order to continue to help create a healthy community in the Roaring Fork Valley!

Tip:

Growing children need certain vitamins and minerals to be as healthy as possible. Fresh vegetables and fruit provide these nutrients and your child should eat them every day. If your child is overweight, it is especially important to include vegetables and fruit in their diet because they are naturally low in calories. Find out ways to help your child or Little Buddy learn to love eating fruit and vegetables [here!](#)

Hit the slopes with your Little Buddy! Thinking about becoming a Big Buddy and wondering what you would do together? The Buddy Program matches you so carefully that you'll have a LOT in common with your Little Buddy- all you have to do is invite them along to things that you're already doing! We also offer free activities throughout the year. Do you like bowling? Movies? The JAS concerts? Eating at the White House Tavern? All of these activities and MORE are offered to Community-based Buddy Pairs, free of charge! Contact: Laura@BuddyProgram.org and learn more about how you can get involved as a Big Buddy!

We have 38 kids on our valley wide waitlist. There is a Little Buddy just waiting for YOU. Every Child Needs a Mentor.

Volunteer with the Buddy Program

The graphic features four photos of people in winter gear: two children, two adults, a woman and child, and two men. Below the photos is the Buddy Program logo with the tagline "Inspire. Empower. Mentor!" and contact information: "Contact: Laura@BuddyProgram.org" and "Visit: BuddyProgram.org". At the bottom, it says "BECAUSE EVERY CHILD NEEDS A MENTOR!"

COMMUNITY PROGRAM BUDDY ACTIVITIES

February 9: Mawa's Kitchen, Cooking Class

Left to right: Abigail P. & Kayla Feld, Ashley B. & Hailey Guglielmo



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February 28: Buddy Ski Day

Bottom left to right: Lindsay Dudycha & Camilla N., David Houggy & Larz W.





WHO MENTORED YOU?

We believe that *every child needs a mentor*, no matter their family income, race, age, gender, grades in school, etc. Each month, we would like to prove that theory through highlighting a member of our community and his or her mentor. This month, we are proud to kick it off with one of our own!

Mentee: [Lindsay Lofaro, Buddy Program Assistant Director](#)

Mentor: Julie Butler, Lindsay's former Camp Counselor

Tell us about Julie and why you consider her your mentor: "

I was very fortunate to have the experience to attend summer camp in Maine starting at the age of 12. For seven weeks each summer I was surrounded by amazing women who acted as role models. My last summer as a camper, Julie was my counselor and would soon become one of my closest friends and mentors when I joined the staff at the age of 17.



As a mentor, Julie was always there to listen to me. She didn't push her agenda on me or tell me what to decide or how to decide it, but rather gave

me the gift of listening; after a 10 minute conversation I usually walked away feeling really clear on what I needed to do, because she just gave me the space to talk it out."

[Click here to continue reading Lindsay's interview!](#) Topics include: how her mentor influenced her career path, how mentoring has changed since she began working at the Buddy Program (12 years ago!), and why she thinks people have reservations about becoming a Big Buddy.



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