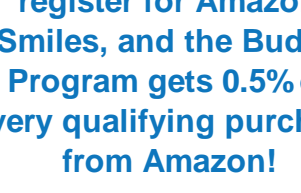




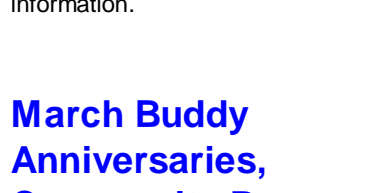
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Become a Mentor

To date since January 1, 2014, we have received **15** new Big Buddy applications from people who want to join our program as a mentor! In 2013, we received 53 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.

March Buddy Anniversaries, Community Program

2006
Rita Sherman & Viviana G.

2012
William Ruffledge & Bodif F. (pictured)
Elizabeth Hagerly & Jasmine H.



Wish List

The Buddy Program is looking for some items to help us support our programs and defray expenses! Contact 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 good condition
- Rosetta Stone, Spanish
- Marriot points
- United or Delta Miles

Dear Jamie,

Spring has sprung! Well, officially anyway -- we are still looking forward to a few good storms so that we can finish up this fantastic ski season in style! But the golf passes are already on sale, and bikes are being tuned up and ridden -- it's that time of year when we have one foot in winter and the other anxiously anticipating spring.

This month marks two years since I joined the Buddy Program. As I reflect back, I am pleased and proud of what we have all accomplished together, including:

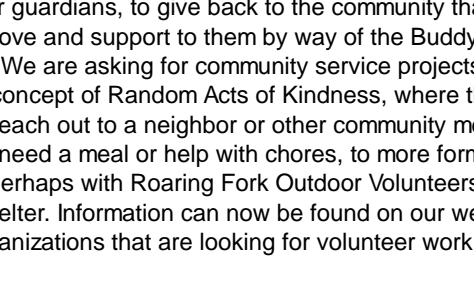
- Drastically increasing the number of new Big Buddies we recruit each year, and as a result have matched many youth from our wait list -- including several who had been waiting for over a year.
- Refining all of our programs to be more effective, and implemented our new Outdoor Leadership class at Roaring Fork High School.
- Hiring new staff members and becoming more efficient operationally by reorganizing tasks and responsibilities.
- Strengthening our Board of Directors by adding 11 new board members.
- Adding two new events -- the Gingerbread House Workshop in December and our recent benefit concert with Chaka Khan.

These are just a few of the larger accomplishments, all of which serve to make the Buddy Program stronger, more efficient and able to support more youth than ever. But we could not have achieved all of this without the support of every one of you: Big and Little Buddies and families; donors; grantors; volunteers; sponsors; corporate partners; staff; and board members.

So thank you all for a great two years! And stay tuned for more exciting changes to come!!

David Houguy
Executive Director

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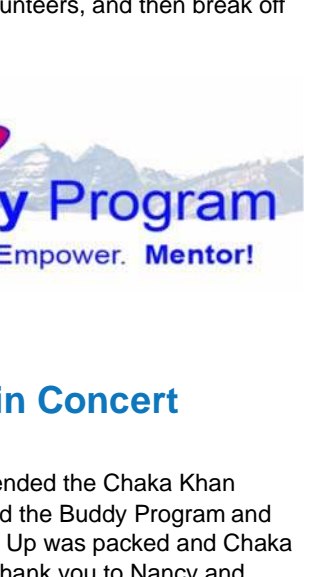
Wait List Little Buddy

Little Buddy: Brian J.

Age: 12

Lives in: El Jebel

Favorite things: I love to cook, go to Eliches and I am very involved in Boy Scouts!



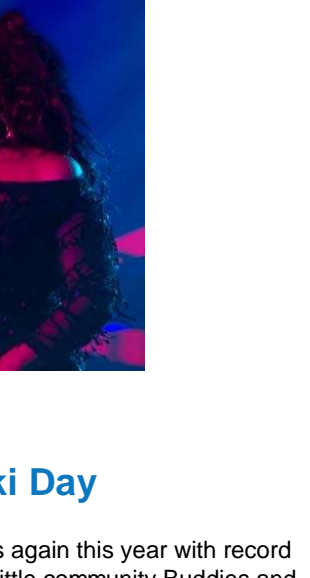
New Buddy Pair

New Pair: Heather Smith and Vanessa C.

Lives in: Basalt

Date paired: January 21, 2014

Favorite activity with her Big Buddy so far: Going to the Aspen Chocolate Classic in February!



Love Your Community

The Buddy Program started a new initiative, in which we are requiring all Little Buddies in the Community Program to complete two Community Service projects every year.

The expectation is for Little Buddies, with the guidance of their parents or guardians, to give back to the community that offers so much love and support to them by way of the Buddy Program. We are asking for community service projects ranging from the concept of Random Acts of Kindness, where they perhaps teach out to a neighbor or other community member who may need a meal or help with chores, to more formal projects perhaps with Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers or an animal shelter. Information can now be found on our website about organizations that are looking for volunteer work. [Click here!](#)

Sunday, April 19 is Love Your Community Day of Service! Groups will gather in Aspen and Basalt for a quick breakfast and word from local community volunteers, and then break off to do prearranged projects!



Chaka Khan in Concert

Thank you to those of you that attended the Chaka Khan concert on March 13 and supported the Buddy Program and the Chaka Khan Foundation! Belly Up was packed and Chaka Khan gave a great performance. Thank you to Nancy and Richard Rogers/Mary Kay Inc. for underwriting the concert. Thank you also to Laura Welch Associates for partnering with us and producing a great show!! [Click here](#) to see photos from the concert!

Next up: THE BASH FOR THE BUDDIES -- ON A NEW DATE!! We hope to see you at the Honky-Tonkin Bash for the Buddies on July 10! We are moving back outside under the Big Top in what will truly be the biggest and best party of the summer! [Click here](#) for more details.



Buddy Ski Day

Our annual Ski Day was a success again this year with record breaking attendance: 52 Big and Little community Buddies and 9 Experiential Program participants. What looked to be a cloudy day turned into a warm, blue-sky powder day! We would like to thank Ski Co. for donating day passes and lessons, and Bumps for the wonderful lunch!



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