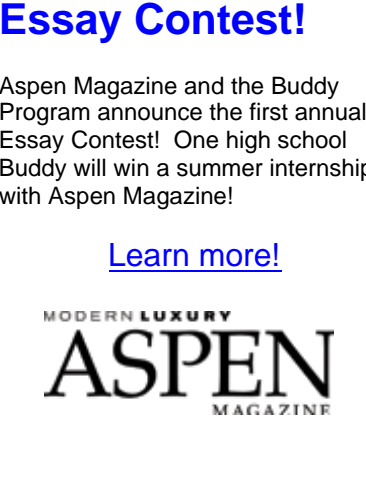
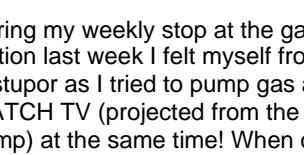




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by Lindsay Lofaro, Director of Programs

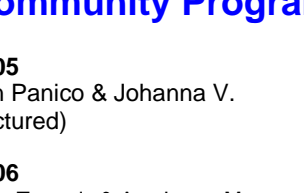
During my weekly stop at the gas station last week I felt myself frozen in stupor as I tried to pump gas and WATCH TV (projected from the gas pump) at the same time!

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ASPEN Magazine Buddy Program Essay Contest!

Aspen Magazine and the Buddy Program announce the first annual Essay Contest! One high school Buddy will win a summer internship with Aspen Magazine!

Learn more!



Upcoming Events

June 29: Lemonade Day

July 4: Boogie's Buddy Race

July 5: Bash for the Buddies



Big and Little Buddies channeled their inner Bruce Lee's at Pro-TKD Martial Arts Center in April



Become a Mentor

To date in 2013, we have received 23 new Big Buddy applications from people who want to join our program as a mentor! Get on board and call us today to learn how YOU can become a mentor to one of 36 youth on the wait list.

May Buddy Anniversaries, Community Program

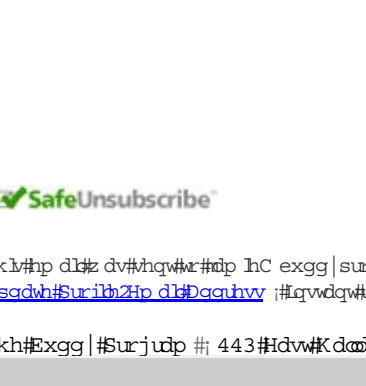
2005 Jan Panico & Johanna V. (pictured)

2006 Lucy Tremols & Ana Laura M. Mary Anne Meyer & Cilara S.

2007 Beth Meager & Aaelyn V.

2010 Laurie Michaels & Jordan B. Russell Cattaneo & Cristian J.

2012 Janette Juan & Evelyn S. Lisa Mills & Mini Z.



Jan and Johanna circa 2005...



still going strong 8 years later!

Hi Jamie!

It has now been just over one year since I joined the Buddy Program, and I want to take this opportunity to reflect on what the Buddy Program team has accomplished together -- the staff, the board and all of you in our Buddy Program family.

The graph below summarizes what we've been working on and what we plan to accomplish in the near future. Click on the link below to read the details.

2012 Highlights
- Reduced or eliminated the Wait List
- Dramatically increased Big Buddy recruiting
- Revamping and expanding Experiential Programs
- Increasing collaboration with other nonprofits
- Significantly reduced Bash 2013 costs while maintaining vibrancy
- Consolidated, cost reduced and improved Marketing and PR
- Improved organizational alignment to increase efficiency and impact
Goals for the coming year
- Roll out new Experiential Program
- Launch further joint programming with other nonprofits
- Expand Community Program to Carbondale
- Continue operational and organizational improvements
- Continue to diversify donor and funding base (e.g., grants)

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Thank you to each and every one of you for making all that we do possible!

Warm regards,



David Hougy
Executive Director

Come Celebrate 4th of July Weekend in Aspen, CO
THE BASH! FOR THE BUDDIES
7700 pm - 10:00 pm
- 1.5 Mile Race in Aspen
- UVAIT & PBCA Competition
- 1.5 Mile Relay Race
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Senior Scholarships

We are proud to announce that the Scholarship Committee recently awarded \$52,500 to 17 very deserving high school seniors from Aspen, Basalt and Roaring Fork High Schools! Impressively, 9 of these youth are the first in their families to attend college.

Additionally, we want to thank Vlad Enache of Upper Ranch Company for donating laptops to our four graduating Little Buddy scholarship recipients: Evelyn D., Diana C., Ladtbel B. and Jessica R.

Thank you to the members of the Scholarship Committee for their time, energy and commitment: Chris Bryan, Alex Kendrick, Richard Jelinek and Lindsay Lofaro.

Wait List Little Buddy

Little Buddy: Oscar J.

Age: 11

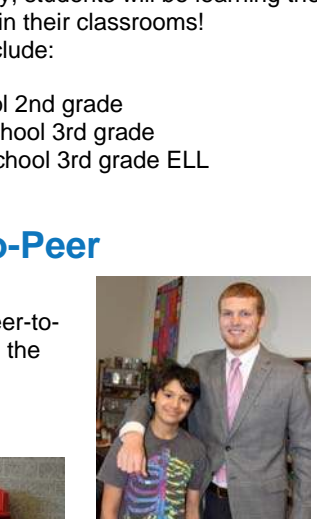
Grade: 5th

Lives in: Basalt

Favorite subject in school: Math

Favorite thing to do: I like to ride bikes with friends, play basketball and board games

When I grow up: I want to take care of my family



Explore Mentoring at Basalt Bike & Ski

Basalt Bike & Ski (NEW location next to Whole Foods in Willits) Thursday, May 16th, 5-6:30 PM



Come learn more about the Buddy Program's volunteer opportunities and the benefits of mentoring while exploring the new Basalt Bike & Ski shop in Willits. Meet Basalt Bike & Ski proprietor Joel Mischke, Buddy Program staff and other folks who are interested in strengthening our community by guiding and inspiring youth through mentoring!

Enjoy wine & cheese, chips and salsa and Fat Tire beer! You will even have the chance to win a raffle prize of a free bike tune (\$120 value), just in time for the summer!

RSVP: heather@buddyprogram.org, 920.2130, BuddyProgram.org

Self-esteem

By Lindsay Lofaro, Director of Programs

Improving youths' self-esteem is one of our four goals at the Buddy Program. Whether a youth is being matched with a Big Buddy in the Community, a high school Big Buddy or going to Youth Camp in Moab with his or her peers. In our on-going yearly theme of Commitment, we are celebrating our commitment to Self-Esteem in May.

Empowering young people to think highly of themselves and to have respect for and a positive view of themselves is a BIG part of what our organization strives to do in our mission to "strengthen the community by guiding and inspiring youth through mentoring." We are so proud to see examples of self-esteem every day in our youth, whether it be through breaking the board during the Martial Arts activity, beaming and giving their Big Buddy a high five as they accept their certificate of participation, or taking a leap off the ledge of a rock as they prepare to rappel. This confidence building is crucial to making our youth stronger, our families stronger, the schools they attend stronger and ultimately our community stronger!



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
http://www.LemonadeDay.org

at any Alpine Bank from Aspen to Glenwood Springs

Starting this week, through the month of May, students will be learning the fundamentals of Lemonade Day in their classrooms!

These students include:
Aspen Elementary School 2nd grade
Crystal River Elementary School 3rd grade
Glenwood Springs Elementary School 3rd grade ELL

End of the Year for Peer-to-Peer

What a year! On May 1st, four of the five Peer-to-Peer programs in the valley had their end of the year parties.



Continue reading and see more pictures



Thank You "Family Night Out" Hosts

Each month, the Buddy Program selects one of our families to enjoy an all-expense paid dinner at a fantastic local restaurant, as a way of celebrating their involvement in the Buddy Program and giving them a chance to relax and enjoy themselves. This is an amazing opportunity for them to come together as a family and enjoy a quality meal out.

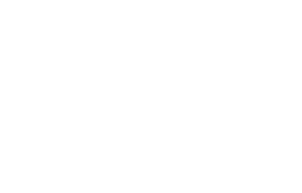
March: Viceroy Snowmass Eight K
April: BB's Kitchen
May: Justice Snow's and Rustique Bistro



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