

The Second Largest Mentoring Organization in Colorado!

Dear Jamie,

May is a time of transition. The seasons are changing and students, families and teachers are preparing for another school year to come to a close. To support youth during this time, the Buddy Program is pleased to be awarding 38 high school seniors from Aspen to Carbondale \$44,000 in continuing education scholarships to further their education and 65 program participants over \$6,500 in Empowerment Scholarships for summer time activities.

We are extremely grateful to our donors who make these critical scholarships possible.

Since 2012, the Buddy Program has awarded \$169,700 in continuing education scholarships to 113 students, 47 of whom have been first generation to attend college. The Buddy Program has also awarded over \$35,000 to over 200 youth to participate in extracurricular activities such as Aspen Valley Ski & Snowboard Club, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, Carbondale Recreation Center, Basalt Soccer Club and the Wyly Community Arts Center.

To find out more about how you can be involved in our efforts to support graduating seniors through our Continuing Education Scholarships and all of our participating youth through our Empowerment Scholarships, please [contact us!](#)

Sincerely,

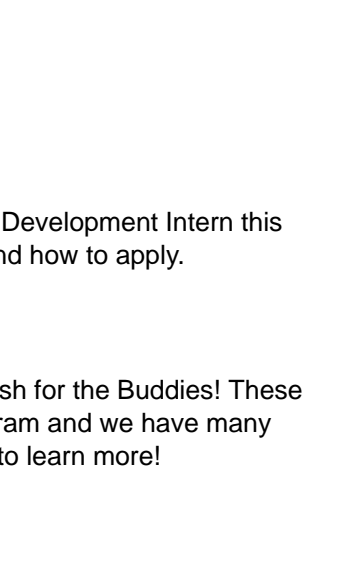
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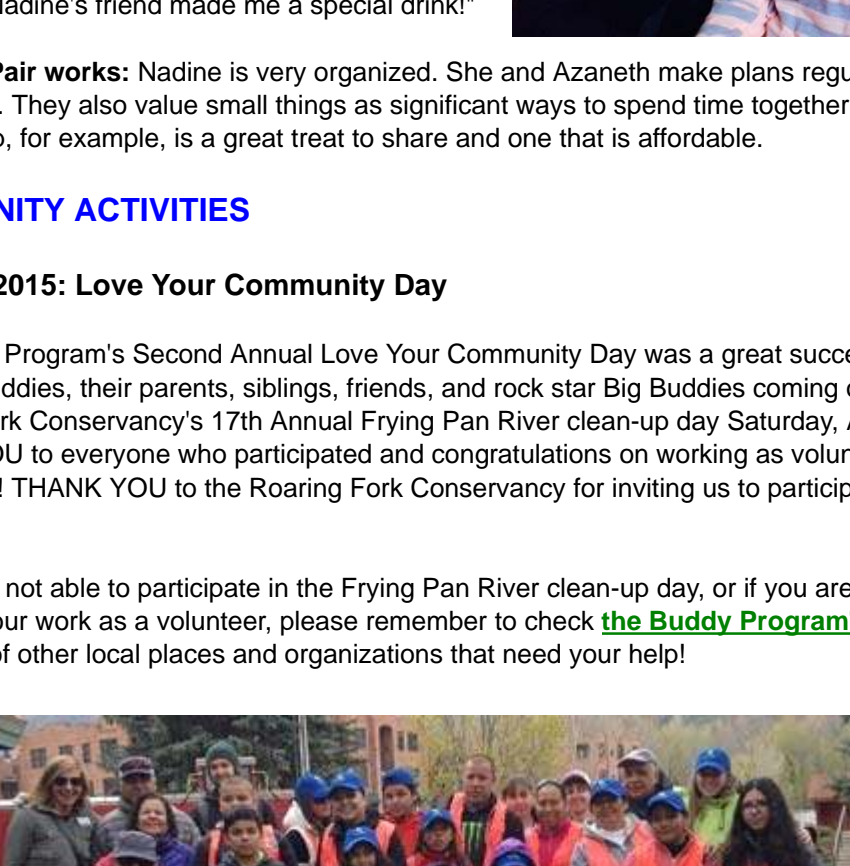
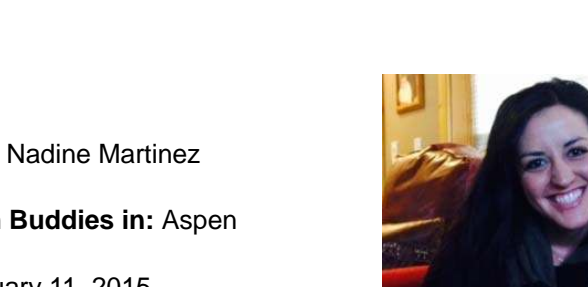
Pictured from Left to Right are Basalt High School continuing education award recipients:
Jamie B, Makenzie H., Daniella C., Blanca L., Michelle L., Nathaly R., Stina P., Becca M., and Lindsay Lofaro

Photo credit: Kara Williams

BOOGIE'S BUDDY RACE
July 4, 2015



58 DAYS UNTIL...THE BASH FOR THE BUDDIES!
July 9, 2015



JOIN OUR TEAM

Summer Development Intern

We are pleased to announce that the Buddy Program is seeking a Development Intern this summer! Click [here](#) for more information about the paid position and how to apply.

Race and Bash Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for the Boogie's Buddy Race and Bash for the Buddies! These volunteer opportunities are a great way to support the Buddy Program and we have many different jobs and time slots available. Please [email](#) Liz Sinkinson to learn more!

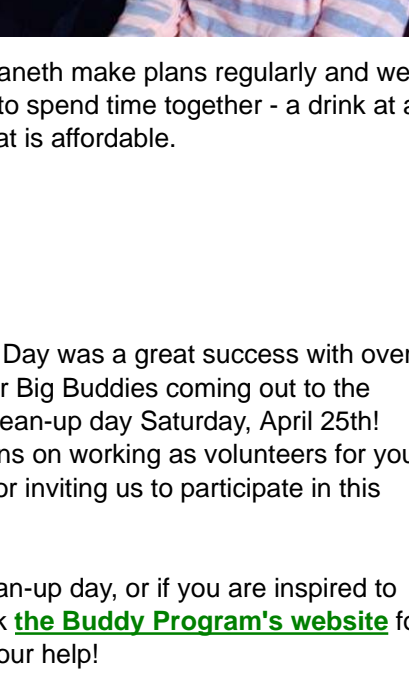
WAIT LIST LITTLE BUDDY

Name: Evan W.

Age: 8

Lives in: Aspen

Favorite things: "I like all kinds of games, especially board games. I like math, origami, my favorite animal is a lemur, and I want to travel to Madagascar!"



What he wants to be when he grows up: "I want to be an architect and a pro soccer player."

If he had a Big Buddy: In a household of two sisters, Evan could have the brother that he has always wanted!

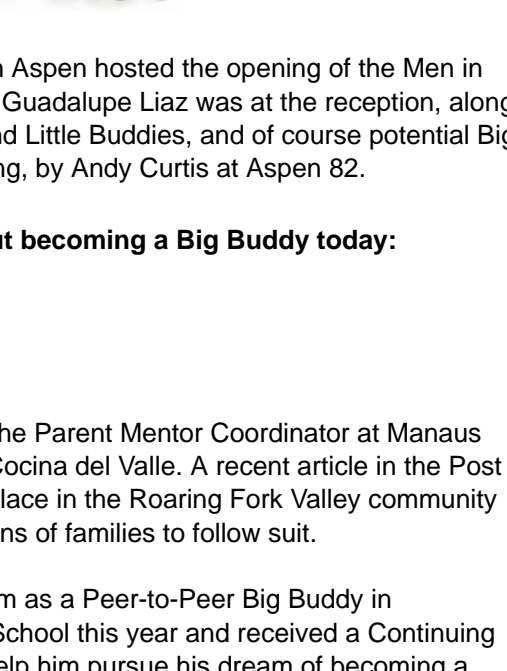
NEW PAIR

Names: Azaneth R. & Nadine Martinez

Community Program Buddies in: Aspen

Buddies since: February 11, 2015

Favorite activities together: "We went to a coffee shop and Nadine's friend made me a special drink!"



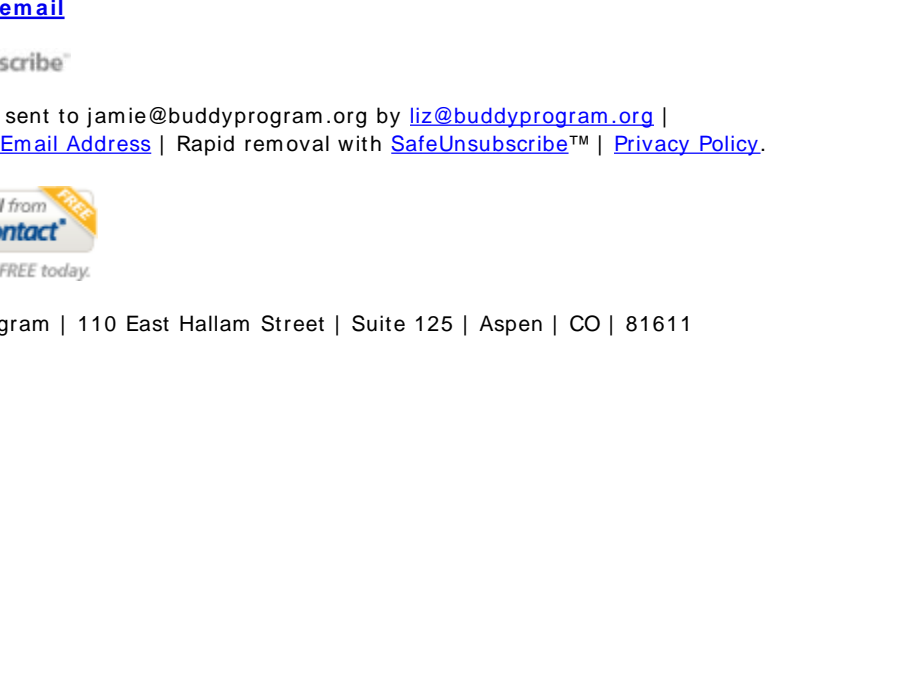
Why this Pair works: Nadine is very organized. She and Azaneth make plans regularly and well in advance. They also value small things as significant ways to spend time together - a drink at a coffee shop, for example, is a great treat to share and one that is affordable.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

April 25, 2015: Love Your Community Day

The Buddy Program's Second Annual Love Your Community Day was a great success with over 15 Little Buddies, their parents, siblings, friends, and rock star Big Buddies coming out to the Roaring Fork Conservancy's 17th Annual Frying Pan River clean-up day Saturday, April 25th! THANK YOU to everyone who participated and congratulations on working as volunteers for our community! THANK YOU to the Roaring Fork Conservancy for inviting us to participate in this event!

If you were not able to participate in the Frying Pan River clean-up day, or if you are inspired to continue your work as a volunteer, please remember to check [the Buddy Program's website](#) for a long list of other local places and organizations that need your help!



LEAD (LEADERSHIP THROUGH EXPLORATION, ACTION AND DISCOVERY)

Students in the Buddy Program's Outdoor Leadership class at Roaring Fork High School are putting the finishing touches on a great year! Their final culminating project is to plan their own trip using decision-making, planning, communication, and teamwork skills they have built throughout the year. Students have elected to travel to Moab, Utah and participate in a variety of activities including canyoneering and mountain biking. This trip will put closure to their adventures together, which have included a 3-day backpacking trip, flying with EcoFlight, multiple snowshoeing trips including a 3-day hut trip, rock climbing, and service projects focused on trail-building, anti-bullying, and collecting food for LiftUp. Thanks to our amazing Outdoor Leadership students for a great 9 months together!

Below: Outdoor Leadership students geared up to snowshoe out, after 3 amazing days at the Fritz Benedict Hut



PEER-TO-PEER PROGRAM

Our Peer-to-Peer Program at the Aspen Elementary and Middle Schools, Basalt Elementary and Middle Schools and Crystal River Elementary School recently ended for the school year. Big and Little Buddies celebrated another wonderful year and enjoyed games and pizza provided by the Buddy Program on their last day together. Our Peer-to-Peer Program is the largest of our 5 core programs, serving 243 high school Big Buddies and 251 Little Buddies in 2014.



FAMILY NIGHT OUT PROGRAM

The Buddy Program would like to sincerely thank Town. restaurant for hosting our April 2015 Family Night Out.



Town graciously donated an all-expense paid dinner for one of our Buddy Program families. This was an amazing opportunity for one of our down-valley families to come together and enjoy themselves in a friendly atmosphere. Located in the charming historical downtown of Carbondale, Town offers an eclectic and diverse menu of American cuisine which is influenced by local products. The Buddy Program is fortunate to have Town as a supporter and genuinely thanks its owners, Mark Fischer and Lari Goode.



MEN AND MENTORING AT THE NUGGET GALLERY



On April 23, the Nugget Gallery on Hyman Avenue in Gaden hosted the opening of the Men in Mentoring photo project. The talented photographer, Guadalupe Liaz was at the reception, along with Buddy Program Board Members, donors, Big and Little Buddies, and of course potential Big Buddies. Click [HERE](#) to see a short clip of the evening, by Andy Curtis at Aspen 82.

Contact Heather Hicks for more information about becoming a Big Buddy today:
Heather@buddyprogram.org, 970.920.2130.

BLOG

Eloisa Duarte is a true force to be reckoned with as the Parent Mentor Coordinator at Manaus Fund's Valley Settlement Project and co-founder of Cocina del Valle. A recent article in the Post Independent tells the story of how Eloisa found her place in the Roaring Fork Valley community through mentoring, and in turn has encouraged dozens of families to follow suit.

Eloisa's son Mario volunteers with the Buddy Program as a Peer-to-Peer Big Buddy in Carbondale. Mario is a senior at Roaring Fork High School this year and received a Continuing Education Scholarship from the Buddy Program to help him pursue his dream of becoming a teacher.

We are looking forward to watching this wonderful family continue to thrive as integral members of our community in the years to come! They exemplify the Buddy Program's belief that **everyone needs a mentor.**

Read the Post Independent [Sunday Profile: 'Your life will be changing in a little bit'](#)

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

2005
Jan Panico and Johanna V. (pictured)

2007
Mary Anne Meyer and Cilara S.
Beth Meager and Aeelyn V.

2010
Laurie Michaels and Jordan B.

2012
Lisa Lisa and Mini Z.

2013
Teraissa McGovern and Zuleika H.
Jack Mikaloff and Josue A.

2014
Paul MacCaskill and Enrique M.
Jason Slothouber and Michael K. (pictured)

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