



The Second Largest Mentoring Organization in Colorado!

Dear Jamie,

Welcome to November! Daylight Saving has ended, and although it certainly doesn't feel like it today, we will supposedly be skiing in less than 4 weeks!

With ski season comes, of course, the end of the year, and the time when the majority of charitable giving happens. You will soon begin to receive year-end appeals from us at the Buddy Program, along with countless other nonprofits that are worthy of your consideration. We have our Gingerbread House Workshop coming up on December 6th, which is one of our biggest, most fun, and certainly highest sugar content Buddy activities of the year. It is also a great fundraiser for us, and we hope that you will support it in this third year.

I really had the importance of the work that we do here at the Buddy Program driven home for me this past week. In the space of just a few days we learned of several Little Buddies facing severe mental health crises. In these cases, the Big Buddy became aware of the situation, and contacted their Case Manager who were able to work with the youth, families, and agency partners to get the families the help they need. This is emotionally draining work at times, as you can imagine, but it is worth it. Because we have professional Case Managers on staff, and because we invest in training on how to handle crisis situations like this, we are able to intervene. Not all mentoring programs have this luxury -- Case Management adds significant expense to our work and is critical. We are eternally grateful for all of our supporters who make this level of service possible.

We know that you have many great options for your year-end giving. Please consider the Buddy Program in your plans!

David Houggy
Executive Director

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP SPONSORSHIP NOW AVAILABLE!

The Buddy Program's 3rd Annual Gingerbread House Workshop, hosted by Helen DeFrance and Jim Fifield, will be held on December 6th at The Little Nell. This incredible event is a special opportunity for Buddy Pairs to come together to create the gingerbread houses of their dreams, with Helen's expert guidance.



Last year, over 150 Big and Little Buddies attended this fun event! Thanks to our generous sponsors, over \$50,000 was raised to help the Buddy Program continue to serve over 750 youth throughout the Roaring Fork Valley through our four high-quality youth mentoring programs and other critical services.

We're excited to announce a special thank you reception including a VIP tour of The Little Nell's famous wine cellar with Master Sommelier McCoy. [Click here](#) to learn more!

If you are interested in sponsoring a table or otherwise supporting the Buddy Program at the Gingerbread House Workshop on December 6th, please contact Development Manager Meghan Pearlman, Meghan@buddyprogram.org or click [here](#) to learn more.

Community Buddy Pairs: [RSVP](#) today, spots are limited!

MENTOR

The Fall is a WONDERFUL time to become a mentor! What are you waiting for? Turn over a new leaf and become a mentor today!

Contact Recruitment Manager, Laura Crow: Laura@buddyprogram.org, 970.920.2130

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Why wait? Get involved! BuddyProgram.org

WAIT LIST LITTLE BUDDY

Name: Caitlyn J.

Age: 9

Lives in: Aspen

Favorite things: "Hiking (I hiked to Crested Butte this summer!), skating, swimming, horseback riding, making jewelry and going outside"

What kind of person she would like her Buddy to be: "Someone special"



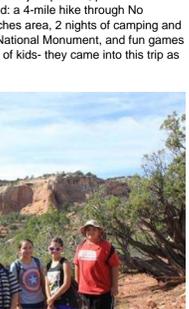
NEW PAIR

Names: Dana Presutti & Judith G.

Community Program Buddies in: Carbondale

Buddies since: October 20th

Favorite activity together so far: "The Buddy Program's Annual Celebration Dinner!"



LEAD (LEADERSHIP THROUGH EXPLORATION, ACTION AND DISCOVERY)

Outdoor Leadership Trip to Fruita with Carbondale Middle School

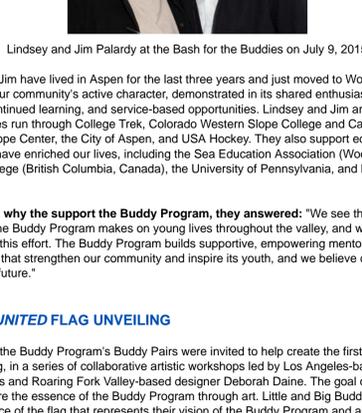
The Buddy Program's Outdoor Leadership class recently spent 3 jam-packed, productive and fun days together in Fruita. Some highlights from the trip included: a 4-mile hike through No Thoroughfare Canyon, a 9.5-mile hike in the Rattlesnake Arches area, 2 nights of camping and cooking their own meals at Saddlehorn Campground in the National Monument, and fun games like charades and orange jousting. What an incredible group of kids- they came into this trip as individuals, and came out a strong united team!



CELEBRATION DINNER

The Buddy Program would like to thank Richard Edwards, Billy Stolz, Louie Velasquez, Miles Angelo, Jen Hartley and Scott Grimm from the Caribou Club for generously hosting the Buddy Program's Annual Celebration Dinner on October 28th. Buddy Pairs, board members, and donors had a wonderful time celebrating another successful year of mentoring! There was no shortage of chocolate, dancing and smiles all around!

Click [here](#) to see more photos from the Celebration Dinner!



EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Buddy Program is proud to announce that this fall, **83** Little Buddies were awarded an Empowerment Scholarship towards an extra-curricular activity of their choice. The different activities that these Little Buddies will be pursuing this fall and winter give our staff enormous satisfaction: participating in Aspen Valley Ski & Snowboard Club, basketball, Conscious Athlete Scholar, Rock and Roll Academy, wrestling, ballet, violin lessons, boy scouts and more. Research shows that youth who participate in extra-curricular activities are more likely to have better grades, higher educational attainment, as well as higher self-esteem. The Buddy Program is proud to have awarded so many Empowerment Scholarships for extra-curricular activities that decrease the opportunity for youth to engage in risky behaviors and encourage positive youth development. We look forward to seeing them on the ice rink, ski slope, basketball court, stage, and beyond!

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Lindsey and Jim Palardy are active supporters of the Buddy Program. Lindsey volunteers as a Big Buddy in our Community Program and Jim serves on the Leadership Development Board (LDB), and served as the President of the LDB and a Buddy Program Director for the past two years. They are also generous members of our Junior Council. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Junior Council!



Lindsey and Jim Palardy at the Bash for the Buddies on July 9, 2015.

Lindsey and Jim have lived in Aspen for the last three years and just moved to Woody Creek. They enjoy our community's active character, demonstrated in its shared enthusiasm for the outdoors, continued learning, and service-based opportunities. Lindsey and Jim are engaged in local initiatives run through College Trek, Colorado Western Slope College and Career Outreach, the Aspen Hope Center, the City of Aspen, and USA Hockey. They also support educational entities that have enriched our lives, including the Sea Education Association (Woods Hole, MA), Pearson College (British Columbia, Canada), the University of Pennsylvania, and Brown University.

When asked why the support the Buddy Program, they answered: "We see the meaningful impact that the Buddy Program makes on young lives throughout the valley, and we want to contribute to this effort. The Buddy Program builds supportive, empowering mentoring relationships that strengthen our community and inspire its youth, and we believe deeply in its mission and future."

HEARTS UNITED FLAG UNVEILING

In the spring the Buddy Program's Buddy Pairs were invited to help create the first annual Buddy Program Flag, in a series of collaborative artistic workshops led by Los Angeles-based artist Janet Roberts and Roaring Fork Valley-based designer Deborah Daine. The goal of the project was to capture the essence of the Buddy Program through art. Little and Big Buddies created their own piece of the flag that represents their vision of the Buddy Program and all the ways the Program makes a difference in their lives. Each youth selected a word or words and imagery that illustrated their emotions. Janet Roberts then took each piece and assembled them into one large Buddy Program Flag, which found its permanent home here at Aspen Valley Hospital thanks to a group of generous donors. The project was underwritten by Albert Sanford and Galerie Maximilian.

On October 29, the Buddy Program and the Aspen Valley Hospital Foundation hosted a reception to recognize the generous group of supporters who made donations to the Buddy Program and enabled the installation of the flag at its permanent home at Aspen Valley Hospital.



Aspen Valley Hospital Foundation President and Buddy Program Board member Deborah Breen and Buddy Program Executive Director David Houggy unveil the Buddy Flag in it's new home at Aspen Valley Hospital. Stop by and see it!

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2006
Matthew Brockman & Jorge E.
Tina Tucker & Angelica G.A.

2010
Andrea Bayless & Elisa B.
Clinton Coerd & Eric S.

2012
Courtney Hollis & Kiara G. (Pictured)

2014
Carson Schmitz & Caleb S.



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