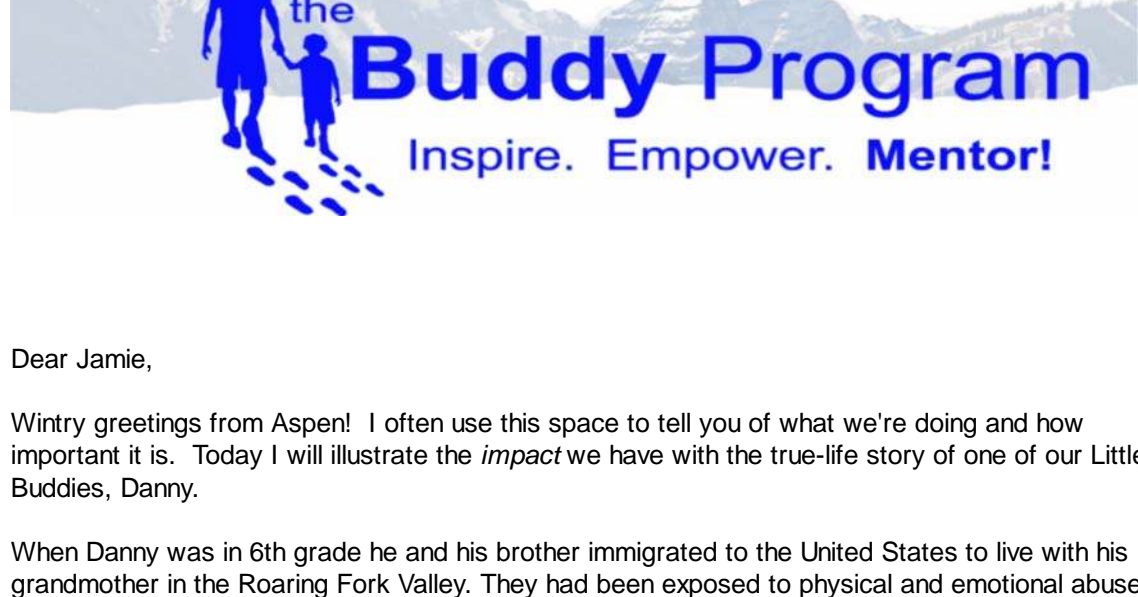


November 13, 2014



Dear Jamie,

Wintry greetings from Aspen! I often use this space to tell you of what we're doing and how important it is. Today I will illustrate the *impact* we have with the true-life story of one of our Little Buddies, Danny.

When Danny was in 6th grade he and his brother immigrated to the United States to live with his grandmother in the Roaring Fork Valley. They had been exposed to physical and emotional abuse in Mexico as well as severe trauma. In addition, Danny had hearing problems and both boys were in need of social and emotional support. The school counselor referred Danny to the Buddy Program as she recognized his need for a male role model in his life.

Even while on the wait list for a Big Buddy, we supported Danny. He participated in Dream Day Camp; our staff secured a Holiday Basket for his family through Christ Episcopal Church; he and his brother attended our monthly Super Buddies activities for boys on the wait list; we provided professional counseling for him and his brother to address the abuse and trauma issues; and Danny utilized our Empowerment Scholarships to obtain an ARC pass during summer breaks as he loves to swim. All BEFORE we found him a Big Buddy.

Danny's English was limited and the Buddy Program was able to find the rare... [click here to read more!](#)

It costs us about \$2,500 per year to support a youth in our community program. I hope we can count on your support this giving season!

David Huggie
Executive Director

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN NOVEMBER

Donate financially: Gingerbread House Workshop, December 7, 2014

Support the second annual Buddy Program Gingerbread Workshop at The Little Nell hosted by Helen DeFrance and Jim Fifeield. Little Buddies will gather with their Big Buddies for an afternoon of creativity and fun as they decorate their very own gingerbread houses to help ring in the holiday season! Helen will lend her expert guidance, and at the end each child will get to take his or her creation home to share with family and friends.



Your fully tax-deductible donation will ensure that the Buddy Program can continue its important work throughout the year.

[Donate now!](#)

Help us reach our goal of matching more youth who are waiting for a mentor by applying today!

For more information, contact Heather Hicks (970.920.2130, heather@buddyprogram.org), check out our website (buddyprogram.org), and don't miss this special evening at Town!

When:

Wednesday, November 19, 2014, 6:00 pm

Where:

Town., 348 Main Street, Carbondale

What:

Enjoy a five course meal from Town, and beer pairings from Oskar Blues Brewery. A portion of proceeds will benefit the Buddy Program!



The Leadership Development Board of the Buddy Program, Town, & Oskar Blues Brewery invites you to join us:

November 19, 2014

6 p.m. Buddy Program Reception- learn more about volunteering as a Big Buddy. Free drinks and appetizers.

7 p.m. Dinner

Town, 348 Main Street, Carbondale

Featuring a five course meal from Town, and beer pairings from Oskar Blues Brewery.

\$75 a person

A portion of proceeds will benefit the Buddy Program.

Call 970.963.6328 for your reservation!

The Buddy Program's Leadership Development Board: Jim Fifeield, President, Karla Winkler, Secretary, Summer Berg, Anna Suggs, Andrea Pryor, Nick Cohen, Barbara Sisson, Jared Luchter, Candace Huffman, Claudia Lucarelli, Cindy Phillips, Rebecca Patten, Chris Striffler

WAIT LIST LITTLE BUDDY

Name: Jenny M.

Age: 13

Lives in: Basalt

Loves: "Dogs! Especially Chihuahuas."

Things she would like to do with her Big Buddy: "I would like to go to the pool and play sports."

Why she would like a Big Buddy: "Because I want to spend more time outside of my home."



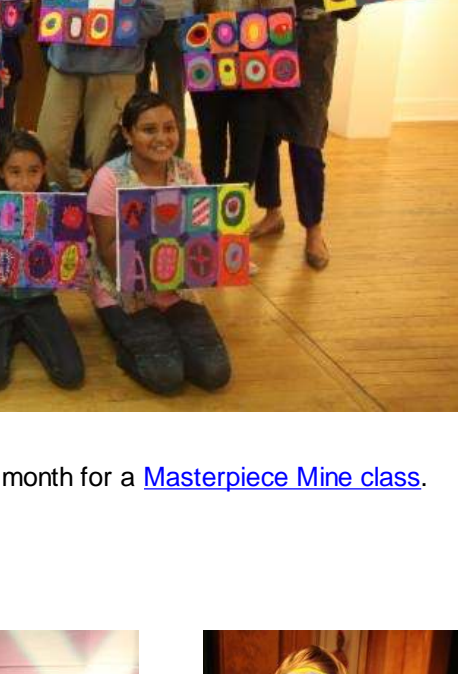
NEW PAIR

Names: Jimmy Dula and Oliver S.

Live in: Aspen

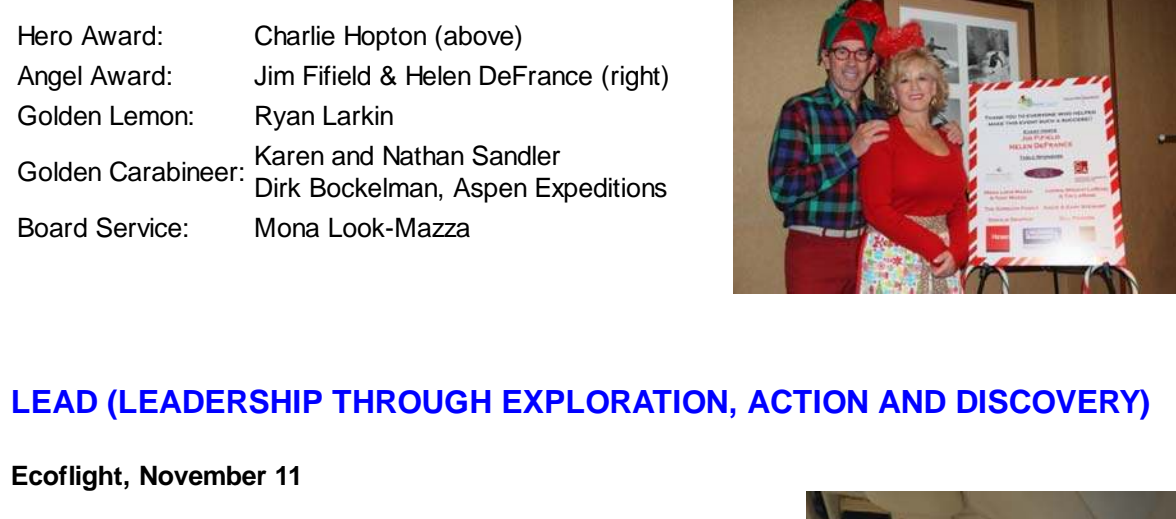
Buddies since: October 15, 2014

Best day together so far: "When we rode our bikes into town and ate lunch!"



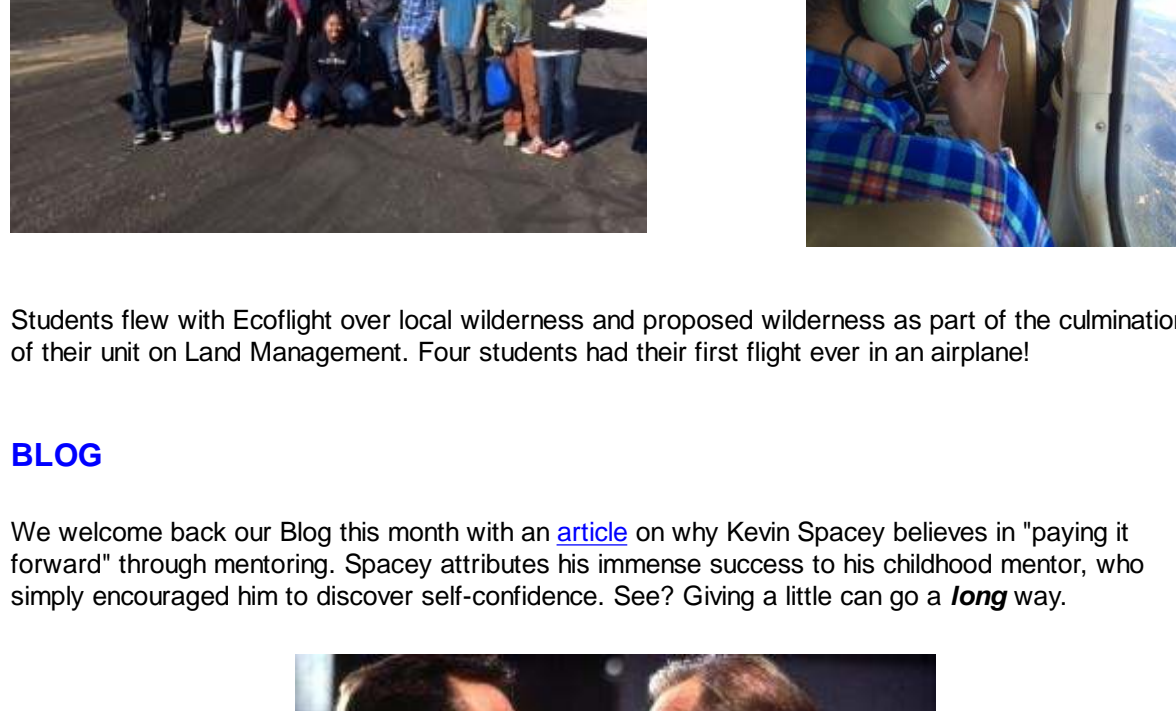
COMMUNITY BUDDY ACTIVITIES

Masterpiece Mine, October 9



Buddy Pairs filled the Red Brick art room to capacity last month for a [Masterpiece Mine class](#).

Annual Celebration Dinner, November 5



Charlie Hopton and Miguel A. (far left) were paired in 2003, and even though Miguel is a high school senior and lives in Detroit, that does not stop them from remaining close. Charlie was honored at the Celebration Dinner with our Hero Award, which recognizes the countless ways in which he has given to the Buddy Program. He is a Big Buddy, advocate and supporter, and having Miguel at the Celebration Dinner to help us celebrate Charlie was extremely special.

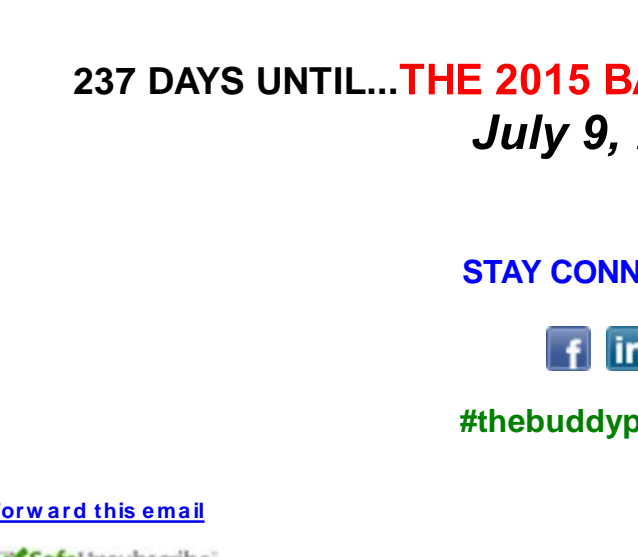
Buddy Program Annual Honorees

- Hero Award: Charlie Hopton (above)
- Angel Award: Jim Fifeield & Helen DeFrance (right)
- Golden Lemon: Ryan Larkin
- Golden Carabineer: Karen and Nathan Sandler
- Board Service: Dirk Bockelman, Aspen Expeditions
- Mona Look-Mazza



LEAD (LEADERSHIP THROUGH EXPLORATION, ACTION AND DISCOVERY)

Ecoflight, November 11



Students flew with Ecoflight over local wilderness and proposed wilderness as part of the culmination of their unit on Land Management. Four students had their first flight ever in an airplane!

BLOG

We welcome back our Blog this month with an [article](#) on why Kevin Spacey believes in "paying it forward" through mentoring. Spacey attributes his immense success to his childhood mentor, who simply encouraged him to discover self-confidence. See? Giving a little can go a *long* way.



Kevin Spacey and his mentor, Jack Lemmon

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2006
Matthew Brockman & Jorge E.
Tina Tucker & Angelica G.-A.
John Forster & Noah D.

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

2012
Natalie Golden & Roxana M. (pictured)
Michael Carter & Bryce F.
Courtney Hollis & Kiara G.



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

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