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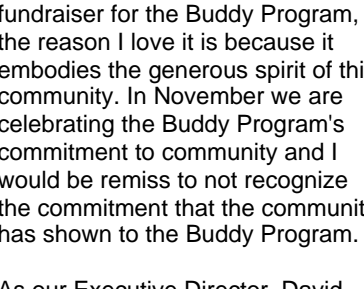
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Thank You Family Night Out Host-L'Hostaria!

Each month, as a way of celebrating our families' involvement in the Buddy Program and giving them a chance to relax and enjoy themselves, the Buddy Program selects one family to enjoy an all-expenses-paid dinner at a fantastic local restaurant. This is an amazing opportunity for them to come together as a family and enjoy a quality meal out. Thank you Tiziano and L'Hostaria for hosting the October Family Night Out!

If your restaurant would like to participate in Family Night Out, please email liz@buddyprogram.org



Become a Mentor

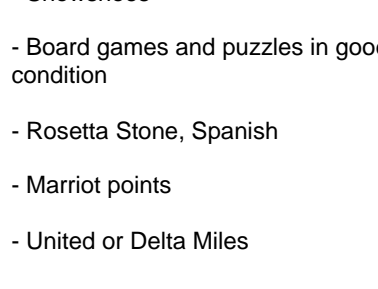
To date in 2013, we have received 50 new Big Buddy applications from people who want to join our program as a mentor! In 2012, we received 30 applications in total for the entire year! Get on board and call us today to learn how YOU can become a mentor! Please call Heather Hicks, Director of Recruitment, at 970-920-2130 or [click here](#) to fill out an online inquiry form for more information.

November Buddy Anniversaries, Community Program

2006
Matthew Brockman & Jorge E. (pictured)
Tina Tucker & Angelica G.

2010
Andrea Bayless & Elisa B.

2012
Courtney Hollis & Kiara G.
Michael Carter & Bryce P.
Natalie Golden & Roxana M.



November: Community
By Lindsay Lofaro, Assistant Director

One of my favorite things that happens in November is the free Hickory House Community Thanksgiving dinner where attendees are encouraged to leave a small donation for the Buddy Program. While it serves as a fundraiser for the Buddy Program, the reason I love it is because it embodies the generous spirit of this community. In November we are celebrating the Buddy Program's commitment to community and I would be remiss to not recognize the commitment that the community has shown to the Buddy Program.

As our Executive Director, David Houggy, researched the Buddy Program's 40th anniversary we learned the following bit of history about the Hickory House:

The annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Hickory House also has a long history intertwined with the Buddy Program. In about 1994-95, Buzz Dopkin suggested that there should be a free Thanksgiving dinner for anyone "down and out" who didn't have a place to go otherwise, and he approached Gregg Anderson, Gregg, who is the founder of the Buddy Program, helped work with the owner of the Hickory House to sponsor the dinner. At that time, the dinner was not conceived as a benefit. While the first year didn't go so well, the following year the dinner was open to everyone who wanted to attend, and it was a big success. Today, the dinner attracts hundreds, sometimes as many as 1,000 people, during the hours of 12-5 PM. In 2012, there was a suggested donation of \$5 per person, and over \$4,200 was raised for the Buddy Program!

During this season of thanks, please know that the Buddy Program considers ourselves GRATEFUL to serve this community- the youth and the families we work with, our amazing volunteers, the partners with whom we work, the staff and their families, as well as our Board of Directors and Leadership Development Board.



We are in need of greeters! If you and your Little Buddy are interested in greeting patrons at the Hickory House on November 28, any time between 11:30-4:30, please contact beth@buddyprogram.org.

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!

- 2, 3 or 4-man tents
- Backpacking backpacks
- Snowshoes
- Board games and puzzles in good condition
- Rosetta Stone, Spanish
- Marriot points
- United or Delta Miles

For Sale

- 2 Mountain Hardware Kiva Light tents, \$100 each (\$200 new) and in very good condition, floorless, circus-style, 4 person, no footprint or mesh insert included. <http://www.moontrail.com/mountain-hardware-kiva-lite.php>

- 3 MSR Whisperlite stoves, \$50 each (\$80 new) and in gently used condition, first 2 stoves sold include fuel bottle. <http://www.backcountry.com/msr-whisperlite-stove>

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Hi Jamie!

With the opening of Ajax Mountain this past weekend, with its mid-season-like conditions, it is officially winter in Aspen! It is an exciting time, with the prospect of the town once again bustling with seasonal visitors and holiday cheer.

And we pause to give thanks. And to recognize all of those who support us all year long.

Thank you!

Regards,

David Houggy
Executive Director

Wait List Little Buddy

Little Buddy: Fredy C.

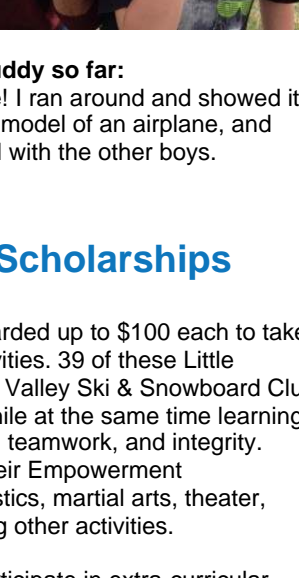
Age: 10

Lives in: Basalt

Favorite things: Riding my bike and skateboarding, going to the pool and the park. I like to do a lot of things!

When I grow up: I want to be a dirt biker!

If I had one wish: I would wish that I had more dogs than ever.



New Buddy Pair

New Pair: Larz W. and David Houggy

Age: 10

Lives in: Aspen

Date paired: October 15

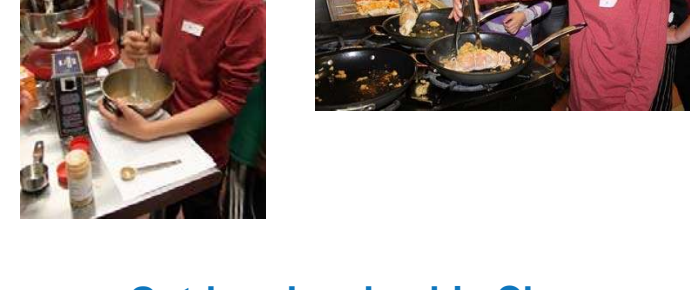


Favorite activities with his Big Buddy so far: The first day we met we made slime! I ran around and showed it to everyone. Now we are building a model of an airplane, and then we go outside and play football with the other boys.

Empowerment Scholarships

This fall, 77 Little Buddies were awarded up to \$100 each to take part in different extra-curricular activities. 39 of these Little Buddies will be involved with Aspen Valley Ski & Snowboard Club programs developing as athletes while at the same time learning AVSC's core values of commitment, teamwork, and integrity. Other Little Buddies will be using their Empowerment Scholarships funds towards gymnastics, martial arts, theater, piano lessons, and wrestling, among other activities.

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.



WHAT: A FREE afternoon of fun at The Little Nell making gingerbread houses!

WHO: ALL Little Buddies! Helen DeFrance will lead the activity! This activity is for kids of all ages and does not require your Big Buddy to be present. Please join us- Buddy Program staff and volunteers will be on hand to supervise and help kids with this project.

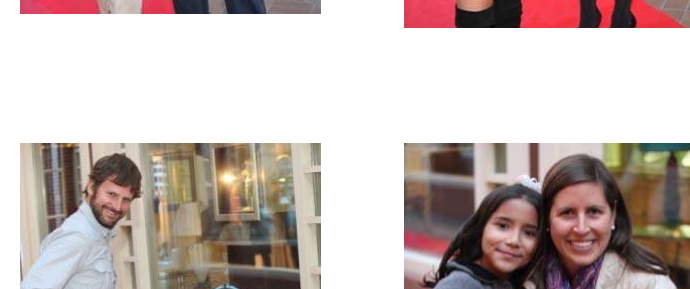
WHEN: Sunday, December 8, 2013
2-4 PM

Register for this **SPECIAL** event well in advance and no later than Thursday, December 5, to Lindsay Lofaro at 970.927.1001 or Lindsayl@buddyprogram.org

Experiential Program Activities

Youth Camp Reunion
Students from our annual Youth Camp in Moab reunited over dinner and a camp slideshow in Carbondale in mid-October. They swapped stories of life since camp, reconnected with friends, set goals for the upcoming school year, and laughed at camp photos and memories. We are already planning our next Moab camp for June of 2014 and can't wait to get back out there!

Cooking Class
As Aspen was enjoying opening day on the slopes on November 16, 18 middle and high school students in our Experiential Group Mentoring program were in YouthEntity's kitchen in Carbondale practicing their culinary skills with professional Chef Paul Rose of Plato's Restaurant at the Aspen Meadows. Students made Mexican hot chocolate cookies, cornbread stuffed chicken, kale with candied walnuts, roasted spiced pumpkin, and gravy. They dined together on their delicious handiwork, swapping stories of Thanksgiving traditions and asking when they could participate in a cooking workshop again. Thanks to YouthEntity and Paul Rose, as well as volunteers Chef Kristin Boland, Cynthia Ayala, and Shion Reilly for a great day in the kitchen!



Outdoor Leadership Class

Students in TBP's RFHS Outdoor Leadership program rocked the rocks in mid-October with the help of guides from Aspen Expeditions. For some students, it was their first day climbing, for others, a new challenge in a new location! We had a great day out there in the fall sunshine, building teamwork through playing one another and encouraging classmates over challenging spots on the climbs. Congrats to all participants for pushing beyond their comfort zone!



Buddy Program Blog

Real Stars
By Stacy Grimm
Program Coordinator/Case Manager/Activities Coordinator

In America, pop culture rules. Pop stars, reality TV personalities and movie stars are ubiquitous. They are adored, idolized and emulated. Their faces (and other body parts!) plaster magazine covers. This Halloween, princess costumes were aplenty, but the "Twerking VMA Pop Star" costume for teen girls sold out online weeks beforehand.

But on Oct 23rd, the paparazzi (aka me) captured some REAL STARS walking the Red Carpet right here in Aspen!

Continue reading!



IN CASE YOU MISSED:
A New Experience- Ise Gonzalez's powerful essay reflecting the Outdoor Leadership Class's recent backpacking trip.

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