

Buddy Program Open House



**Third Street Center
Calaway Room
Friday, Oct. 2nd
4:00-7:00pm**

I heard there's going to be FREE food, FREE drinks and even giveaways!

We're your neighbors now, Carbondale!!

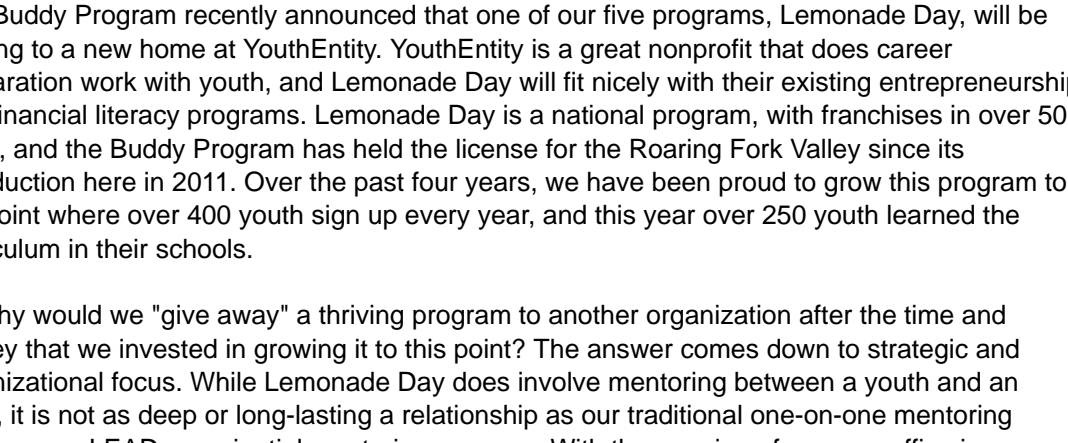






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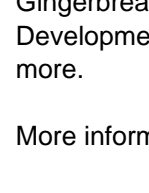
I hope that you can join us THIS FRIDAY for the grand opening celebration of our new office at the Third Street Center in Carbondale! We will have BBQ by Slow Groovin', homemade mac 'n' cheese, free drinks and prize giveaways! See the info above for details!

The Buddy Program recently announced that one of our five programs, Lemonade Day, will be moving to a new home at YouthEntity. YouthEntity is a great nonprofit that does career preparation work with youth, and Lemonade Day will fit nicely with their existing entrepreneurship and financial literacy programs. Lemonade Day is a national program, with franchises in over 50 cities, and the Buddy Program has held the license for the Roaring Fork Valley since its introduction here in 2011. Over the past four years, we have been proud to grow this program to the point where over 400 youth sign up every year, and this year over 250 youth learned the curriculum in their schools.

So why would we "give away" a thriving program to another organization after the time and money that we've invested in growing it to this point? The answer comes down to strategic and organizational focus. While Lemonade Day does involve mentoring between a youth and an adult, it is not as deep or long-lasting a relationship as our traditional one-on-one mentoring programs or LEAD experiential mentoring program. With the opening of our new office in Carbondale, we decided that it makes more sense for us to focus on what we do best (mentoring) and let YouthEntity focus on what they do best (entrepreneurship). It's a win for us, and a win for them. YouthEntity's plans to continue Lemonade Day, open to all youth in the valley, free of charge.

Business strategy is most often thought about in terms of what an organization WILL be doing. But equally important is deciding what an organization will NOT be doing. We are excited to hand off Lemonade Day to its new home, and focus our efforts on mentoring more kids in the valley, especially in the Carbondale area.

I hope that you will join us this Friday!



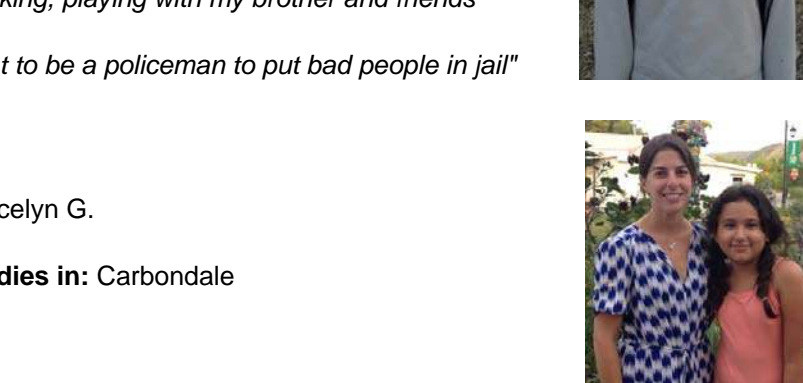
David Houggy
Executive Director

CONGRATULATIONS!

Buddy Program founder
Gregg Anderson
&
Buddy Program Board Chairman
Boogie Weinglass

for their elections to the
ASPEN HALL OFF FAME
Class of 2016!

We wouldn't be where we are
today without either of you!



The Aspen Hall of Fame was established in 1966-87 to recognize and honor those individuals who have had a significant and lasting impact on the Aspen/Snowmass communities -- economically, physically, spiritually or intellectually. Nominees must have demonstrated inspirational leadership and have made major contributions to cultural, sports, and/or civic activities.

The 2016 banquet is scheduled for January 16, 2016, at the Hotel Jerome, beginning at 5 pm with cocktails, followed by dinner and presentations. Check the Aspen Hall of Fame [website](http://www.aspenhalloffame.com) for how to reserve a seat at the banquet beginning in early December.

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 128 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 1,000 youth throughout the Roaring Fork Valley through our five high-quality youth mentoring programs and other critical services. If you are interested in sponsoring a table at the Gingerbread House Workshop on December 6th, please contact Development Manager Meghan Peariman, Meghan@buddyprogram.org or click [here](#) to learn more.

More information about signing up for this event for Big and Little Buddies will be coming soon!

WAIT LIST LITTLE BUDDY

Name: Javi H.

Age: 7

Lives in: Basalt

Favorite things: "Skiing, hiking, playing with my brother and friends"

When he grows up: "I want to be a policeman to put bad people in jail"



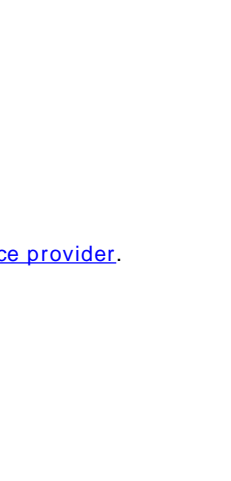
NEW PAIR

Names: Megan Vrono & Jocelyn G.

Community Program Buddies in: Carbondale

Buddies since: August

Favorite activity together so far: "Volunteering at the Doggie Day & Splash at the Aspen Rec Center!"



LEAD (LEADERSHIP THROUGH EXPLORATION, ACTION AND DISCOVERY)

September 11-13, Outdoor Leadership Class Backpacking Trip

It's a new school year and our Roaring Fork High School Outdoor Leadership crew spent the weekend in the Holy Cross Wilderness on their first multi-day trip - a backpack to Mormon Lake with a mid-day jaunt up to "Ram Peak" at 12,200'.



BLOG

"Behind every successful person, there's a mentor who helped them along the way."

It must have been a truly challenging task to choose the top 25 mentoring relationships in history, but Jennifer Merrill, [MENTOR](#) Marketing & Communications Manager, seems to accomplish the impossible in her [recent article](#) posted on [The Chronicle of Evidence Based Mentoring](#). From environmentalist Ansel Adams to designer Christian Dior, Merrill beautifully highlights the significance of each mentor relationship.



Keep in mind that success is defined in many ways. Although it would be cool to take credit for matching a Buddy Pair and ultimately creating the next Mother Teresa, that is not one of the Buddy Program's goals. Celebrating a Little Buddy that learns to ski, graduates from college, participates in a LEAD camp, or simply initiates a conversation with his or her mentor, are all considered huge successes in our eyes.

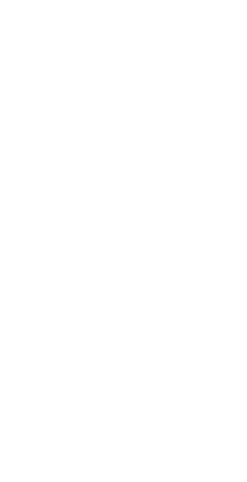
[Are you ready to become a mentor and help a child define success?](#)

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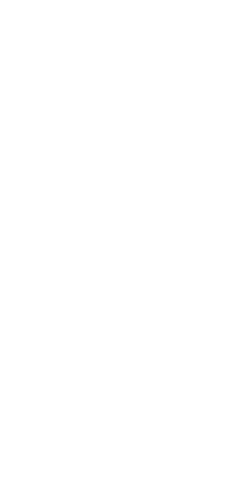
2010
Mike Tanguay & Axel Q.



2012
Isaac Ellis & Donovan D.R. (Pictured)
Josefina Mendez & Victoria N.
Lisa DiMento & Lluvia & Maydalis C.



2014
Abbey Bentley & Jackie K. (Pictured)
James Dula & Oliver S.
Elizabeth Ballinger & Eliza M.



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