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CARBONDALE CHAMBER

Drop into Carbondale!

The Carbondale Chamber's annual Business Conference, Golf Tournament and Ball Drop

Thursday & Friday, Sept 19 & 20

Hi Jamie!

We've come through a few pretty wet weeks here in Aspen, though nothing in comparison with those dealing with the flooding in the Front Range. These tragedies always make us stop to reflect upon how fortunate we are, and our hearts and thoughts are with those who are suffering.

On a happier note, I talked last month about some of the staff changes that have happened here in the past month or so, and following on that news I am proud to announce two promotions!

Lindsay Lofaro, formerly Program Director, is promoted to Assistant Director of the Buddy Program. Lindsay joined the Buddy Program 10 years ago as a Case Manager, was promoted to Program Manager in 2009, and has been instrumental in leading and shaping our organization. This promotion reflects the broader role that Lindsay already fills in running the overall organization.

Sarah Evans, formerly Case Manager, is promoted to Senior Case Manager. In her two and a half years with the Buddy Program, Sarah has taken on projects that have earned much respect from her co-workers and professionals in the field, such as helping to take our Community Program matching process to a whole different level, and then presenting on it, along with Lindsay Lofaro, at the Colorado Mentoring Symposium this year.

Coincidentally, I am also very excited to announce that Lindsay and Sarah have been selected from a nationwide call of mentoring experts and professionals to present at the prestigious 2014 National Mentoring Summit in Arlington, Virginia. This is quite a feather in our cap! We have presented at the Colorado Statewide Mentoring Symposium each of its first two years, and to be selected to present at the ***national*** level from such a large pool of very worthy candidates from across the country is very prestigious, and speaks to the quality of our programs, the dedication of our staff, and the broader and broader recognition that we are receiving.

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This achievements are a reflection of the quality and dedication of our entire team, including you- our supporters! We ***all*** share in the collective pride of everyone's efforts!

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Regards,

New this year, the Chamber has selected a nonprofit that represents leadership in the community to receive a donation. As this year's recipient, the Buddy Program will be involved in the Business Conference and will make a short presentation on our new program, Outdoor Leadership Education, being taught at Carbondale's Roaring Fork High School.
Click here for more info and to register!

Become a Mentor

To date in 2013, we have received **39** 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.

Celebrate Diversity!

By Sole Lowe, Community Program Director

At the Buddy Program, we introduce the mentor (Big Buddy) to the mentee (Little Buddy) for the first time at the home of the Little Buddy. The moment is full of excitement and nervousness. It is normal and natural to feel a little apprehension about meeting someone for the first time, especially if you are expected to become their trusted friend. Add to that a significant difference in age, in socioeconomic status and racial and ethnic background. Mentors in the Buddy Program are matched with youth who may look and act very differently and whose backgrounds and lifestyles may be dissimilar to their own.

...continue reading!

David Houggy
Executive Director

Wait List Little Buddy

Little Buddy: Isaiah H.

Age: 9

Lives in: Basalt

Favorite things to do: I like to play soccer, go to the park, do arts and crafts, and play with friends in the snow

Best part about school: Reading and playing soccer

When I grow up: I want to be a soccer player

New Buddy Pair

New Pair: Kevin E. and Adam Zuehlke

Age: 11

Lives in: Snowmass Village

Date paired: August 29, 2013

Favorite activities with his Big Buddy so far: Eating pizza and seeing Adam at my football game!

Join the Buddy Program Leadership Development Board!

Calling all young professionals- join your peers to make a difference in our community!

The purpose of the Leadership Development Board is twofold, to raise awareness of the Buddy Program's mission and develop philanthropy amongst the Roaring Fork Valley's population of young professionals. Members of the Leadership Development Board advocate on behalf of the Buddy Program, actively volunteer for the Buddy Program, and generally promote community participation in the Buddy Program throughout the Valley. Members commit to a three year term and meetings are held six times a year. Participation in various Big Buddy recruitment and fundraising events are also required. To find out more, email Lindsay Lofaro (Lindsayl@buddyprogram.org) and click here for the Leadership Development Board application.

Buddy Program to present at

September Buddy Anniversaries, Community Program

2006
Erik Skarvan & Aidan S.

2007
Julie Pratte & Ariana S.

2011
Anne & Clarence Blackwell & Samantha G.
Ainhoa Bujan & Ximena G. (pictured)
John Eaton & Elmer B.

September: Academics

By Lindsay Lofaro, Director of Programs

In September we are acknowledging our organization's commitment to academics. One of the Buddy Program's four goals is to increase youth's interest in and attitude toward academics. Our goal is that mentors increase students' enthusiasm and understanding of the importance of school. Additionally, research has shown that students who are mentored in the School-based Program have a better relationship with teachers.

The Buddy Program also provides continuing education scholarships to Little Buddies who stay with their mentor through high school graduation, youth who have consistently participated in our experiential programs, and Peer-to-Peer Big Buddies who have participated for two years as a volunteer. The investment that we make to youth as they prepare for the next level of education is taken very seriously by our donors and staff. In 2013, the Buddy Program awarded $52,500 in continuing education scholarships to 17 youth, 9 of whom are the first in their family to go to college.

National Mentoring Conference

Buddy Program staff members Lindsay Lofaro, Assistant Director (left), and Sarah Evans, Senior Case Manager (right), have been selected from a nationwide call of mentoring experts and professionals to present at the prestigious 2014 National Mentoring Summit in Arlington, Virginia. The annual conference is convened by MENTOR: the National Mentoring Partnership, and host committee members include the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the Harvard School of Public Health, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and United Way Worldwide.

The annual conference is one of paramount significance in part because of the pedigree of the participants - senators, policy writers, law-makers, and social leaders along with mentoring professionals from around the country. Participants gather at this event to discuss a movement that has the President of the U.S. talking and is changing the lives of youth: Mentoring.

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A Conversation on Mentoring and Tutoring:

The Simple Interventions that Can Change a Girl's Life

THE WOMEN'S
FOUNDATION
OF COLORADO

On September 11, the Buddy Program's Director of Recruitment, Heather Hicks, was invited to sit on the panel at the Women's Foundation of Colorado's *Mentoring and Tutoring Girls* Seminar. The captive audience had wonderful input and questions for the panel. Topics included issues facing young girls of our valley, the programs in place to help support them and their families, as well as the current volunteer needs of over 8 different non-profits (Pre-Collegiate, YouthEntity, Access Roaring Fork, Yampah High School, Youth Zone, English in Action, Garfield PREP, and the Buddy Program).

The Buddy Program would like to thank The Women's Foundation of Colorado for including the Buddy Program in this important conversation. If you are a female and interested in mentoring a girl, please email heather@buddyprogram.org

Outdoor Leadership Program

The Buddy Program is excited to announce its newest Experiential Group Mentoring program- Outdoor Leadership! In this school-day course, a dozen Roaring Fork High School students meet twice a week, earning elective credit toward high school graduation as they develop skills for successful travel and exploration in the outdoors, and give back to and connect with their community through student-designed service projects.

Through hands-on learning they will develop teamwork, communication, decision-making, leadership and planning skills that they apply both inside and outside of the classroom. On non-school days throughout the year, the class takes field trips including hikes, camping trips, hut trips, and service projects. Since Outdoor Leadership began in late August, students have discovered how to read maps, explored their

As we move forward to plan the next 3, 5 and 40 years at the Buddy Program, enhancing our youths' academic experiences by providing them with a mentor who supports them socially and emotionally, as well as academically, is the primary focus of the Buddy Program.

Buddy Program 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

various individual communication styles, learned and debated wilderness ethics through the Leave No Trace model, visited the Thompson Divide via a hike to Marion Gulch, and begun preparations for their first 3-day backpacking trip.

Thanks to our amazing program partners who have supported our students and their work thus far- Aspen Expeditions (www.aspenexpeditions.com), Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (www.rfov.org), Wilderness Workshop (www.wildernessworkshop.org), and Roaring Fork high School (http://rfhs.rfsd.k12.co.us/). **Curious about how to get involved? Contact Brooke for more info at brooke@buddyprogram.org**

Roaring Fork High students enjoy a hike in Marion Gulch

Thank You Family Night Out Host Eight K Restaurant

Each month, the Buddy Program selects one of our families to enjoy an all-expense-paid dinner at a fantastic local restaurant, as a way of celebrating their involvement in the Buddy Program and giving them a chance to relax and enjoy themselves. This is an amazing opportunity for them to come together as a family and enjoy a quality meal out. Thank you **Emily Albers and Eight K Restaurant at Viceroy Snowmass** for hosting a August Family Night Out!

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