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## Become a Mentor

We have issued a new challenge: **5 Men in 5 Weeks!** We received our first male Big Buddy application this week...will you consider being the next? Have FUN, make a DIFFERENCE, just be YOU.

Contact Heather at 367-4167 or [heather@buddyprogram.org](mailto:heather@buddyprogram.org) TODAY for more info!

To date we have received **36** new Big Buddy applications this year from individuals who want to join our program as a volunteer mentor. In 2013, we received 54 new Big Buddy applications total. Help us reach our goal of matching more youth who are waiting for a mentor by applying today!



## August Buddy Anniversaries, Community Program

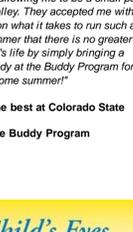
**2005**  
Mike Waters & Alejandro O.

**2008**  
Chris Tedstone & Christopher D.

**2010**  
Susan Drazin & Rosa M.  
Tricia Louthis & Emma E.B.  
Aaron Pearman & Bryan C.

**2012**  
Pat Henry & Oscar C.

**2013**  
Adam Zuehike & Kevin E. (Pictured)

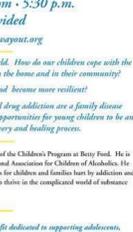


## September Buddy Anniversaries

**2007**  
Julie Pratte & Ariana S.

**2011**  
Anne & Clarence Blackwell & Samantha G.  
Ainhoa Bujan & Ximena G.  
John Eaton & Elmer B.

**2013**  
Kaitlin Windle & Areysi G. (Pictured)



## Thank You, Mike!

The Buddy Program staff would like to thank Mike Argueta for the wonderful work he did as our summer intern. Mike worked tirelessly on countless office projects and helped prepare for the Bash, but most importantly Mike left a very positive and lasting impression on the children he spent time with during our summer LEAD experiential programs. See proof below!



About his internship, Mike wrote:

*"I would not trade the experience for anything in the world and I would like to thank the whole staff for allowing me to be a small part in what they do in the Roaring Fork Valley. They accepted me with open arms and I got to see first-hand on what it takes to run such a successful program. I learned this summer that there is no greater joy than making a difference in a child's life by simply bringing a smile to their face. Thank you everybody at the Buddy Program for this amazing opportunity and an awesome summer!"*

Thank you, Mike, we wish you all the best at Colorado State University and beyond!  
- Your Friends (old and young) at the Buddy Program

## Not to Miss!

**Through A Child's Eyes**  
*Helping Children in Families and Communities Dealing with Addiction Build Resilience*

**Thursday, September 25, 2014**  
*Hotel Jerome Ballroom - 5:30 p.m.*  
*Snacks Provided*

RSVP: [director@awayout.org](mailto:director@awayout.org)

*Kids have a unique perspective in viewing the world. How do our children cope with the mixed messages of drug and alcohol use within the home and in their community?*

*How can we help them get support and become more resilient?*

*While it has long been held that alcoholism and drug addiction are a family disease and a concerning community issue, there are few opportunities for young children to be an integral part of the treatment, recovery and healing process.*

A Way Out is a non-profit dedicated to supporting adolescents, youth, adults and families in drug and alcohol crisis, in preventing the second chance in a series entitled, *Lines of Substance*, addressing substance abuse, mental health and how to derive its recovery.

For information, please contact Liz at 970-426-8605 or [liz@awayout.org](mailto:liz@awayout.org)

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**Click here for additional information and to RSVP**

Dear Jamie,

Greetings! Summer is drawing to a close and fall is in the air. Children are back in school and our school program Peer-to-Peer and School Based mentoring, and our Leadership Education class at Roaring Fork High School ramping up once again. Our work here at the Buddy is truly never finished!

I want to take a minute and talk a little bit about what entails.

Much of the public face of the Buddy Program is our Pairs, and you hear a lot from us about our need to find Big Buddies to match with Little Buddies. And while it is a key part of what we do, our work does not end once it is made; in fact, that is when most of our work starts.

For the next several years (4.4 years on average, but cases 10 years or longer), our Case Managers work with the Little Buddy and his family, the Big Buddy, the school counselors, other agencies in the valley, and sometimes therapists and counselors to help build a safe and healthy environment in which the Little Buddy can thrive. The Case Manager will contact the Little Buddy on average 24 times a year - about every two weeks becomes almost an extended member of the family in cases, helping to navigate obstacles that arise, and advice in many different areas.

So in a really, we are a lot more like a social services agency and a lot less like a simple mentor-matching agency than many people realize. Check out this article from the *New York Times* that describes "A Day in the Life of a Buddy Program Case Manager" to get a better feeling for what we do every day. As you can imagine, this type of personal labor intensive and costs more than other, simpler programs, but we know that the incremental investment youth pays off in a big way.

It is important for our community to understand the different programs and support for the families we serve. That this helps shed a little bit of light on our work.

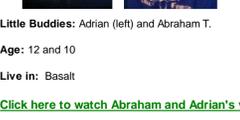
As always, thank you for your support!

*Case*

David Houguy  
Executive Director

## Wait List Little Buddies:

Brothers Abraham and Adrian T. have each been on a wait list for 2 years. Watch their video to learn more about them and call us today if you are interested in making a difference in their lives!



**Little Buddies:** Adrian (left) and Abraham T.  
**Age:** 12 and 10  
**Live in:** Basalt

[Click here to watch Abraham and Adrian's video!](#)

## New Buddy Pair

**Buddies:** Katie Powell and Morgan M.

**Age:** 7

**Live in:** Aspen

**Paired since:** August 21, 2014

**Favorite activity together so far:** Going to the Snow Club after school to play tennis and swim!



## Community Program Activities

**Buddy Challenge Day at the Aspen Camp of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

On August 23rd, Buddy Pairs spent the day at the Aspen Camp of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Big and Little Buddies had the opportunity to interact with members of the community, learning sign language and participating in challenges that taught them about cooperation, communication and cultural competency. A BIG thank you to the staff at the Deaf Camp for facilitating this incredible day for our Buddies!

## Meet and Greet with Carrie Underwood

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