Dear Friend of the Buddy Program,

In 2016, the Buddy Program continued the work we do best — supporting youth and families through mentoring. We invite you to read our Annual Report for more details on how we accomplished this, and to get a comprehensive look at our programs.

In 2015, we focused our Report on “Reaching New Heights” as we expanded our programs and started new initiatives. In 2016, we sustained this important work and turned our efforts to fine-tuning the quality of our work. Each and every relationship we build at the Buddy Program is significant, whether it is between an adult mentor and a child, a high school student mentor and a child, our staff and the families we serve, and whether it takes place in the community or at school. The breadth and depth of programming we offer ensures that we can serve all children, their families and their individual needs. We “Go the Distance” for our youth, families and volunteers and this work can only be done with the amazing contributions of individuals, foundations and organizations who support us. We also rely on our school and agency partners, as we know that we can’t do it all alone!

Whether you were a Big Buddy volunteer or supported us with a donation of any size or kind in 2016, you were part of the Buddy Program “Going the Distance.” On behalf of the over 700 youth, families and volunteer Big Buddies we served in 2016, we thank you for your support and look forward to another year of working together to empower youth through mentoring experiences in order to achieve their full potential.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Lofaro
Executive Director

Adam Goldsmith
President, Board of Directors

Going the Distance for Our Youth!

When a youth is enrolled in our programs or joins our waitlist, one of our Case Managers gets to know the youth and his/her family and begins the process of wrapping highly targeted services to help the youth thrive. Ignacio’s story with the Buddy Program, below, is one of many examples of how the Buddy Program “Go the Distance for Our Youth.”

Ignacio was recommended to the Buddy Program six years ago, when he was 11. His school counselor was concerned about the behavior issues he was exhibiting after a family crisis. Knowing that the waitlist for a young man to get an adult Big Buddy was long, she signed him up for our Peer-to-Peer Program where Ignacio was matched with a male, high school Big Buddy. At the time, Ignacio’s English was limited, but our bilingual staff and his bilingual high school Buddy could communicate with him and his mother. Simultaneously, Ignacio was put on our waitlist for an adult Big Buddy and referred to our LEAD (Leadership through Exploration Action and Discovery) Program, beginning his journey with the Buddy Program.

Ignacio saw his high school Big Buddy weekly during the school year where they built a friendship through activities lead by Buddy Program staff. He also started attending monthly lunches at his school with our LEAD staff, came to LEAD activities after school and on weekends and attended our LEAD day camp for a week in the summer when he was 12. The Buddy Program referred him to receive holiday baskets annually from a local church and he worked through his behavioral and family issues with a counselor paid for by the Buddy Program. Through funding from our Empowerment Scholarships for extracurricular activities, Ignacio was able to play soccer every season, take swimming lessons, and learned to ski with Aspen Valley Ski & Snowboard Club. In the meantime, as we got to know Ignacio and his family better, we found him the perfect adult Big Buddy.

Over the years, Ignacio and his Big Buddy have built a strong and trusting friendship which continues to this day. They have attended free activities that the Buddy Program provides for all Buddy Pairs such as Bowling Night, the X-Games, and our annual Ski Day, in addition to getting together on their own. Ignacio is now in high school and has committed to being a Big Buddy himself. Through our new STARS (Students Teaching About Relationships and Success) Peer Mentoring Program, Ignacio meets with his Little Buddy at the middle school for one hour a week in addition to attending one-hour, weekly mentor meetings with Buddy Program staff and a six-hour initial training. Ignacio has grown from a troubled child into a confident young adult, continuing to work on his leadership potential through this program. He is an example of how our programs and interventions can turn a young man struggling at school and at home into a mentor himself.

For every Ignacio, there are over 575 more examples of our programs at work with every child we serve. In 2018, Ignacio will graduate from high school and we can’t wait to see where his journey takes him next!
COMMUNITY & SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS

189 Youth Participants
141 Adult Volunteer Participants

In our longest running program, the Community Program, youth are referred through school teachers, counselors, family members or themselves in order to be matched with an adult Big Buddy. Buddy Pairs see each other 3-4 times a month after school or on the weekends. In our School-based Program, Big Buddies meet weekly with their Little Buddies at the school during the students’ lunch period.

Our Buddy Pairs stay together for an average of 4 years, compared to the national average of 23 months as reported by Big Brothers Big Sisters.

70% of Community Program participants reported an increase in capacity for healthy relationships

86% of Peer-to-Peer Big Buddies reported an increase in healthy decision making

98% of Buddy Pairs stay together more than 1 year

IMPACT

For over 40 years, the Buddy Program has been serving youth in the Roaring Fork Valley. While our programs have evolved over the years, the core mission of the organization has remained the same: to empower youth through mentoring experiences in order to achieve their full potential.

In 2016, the Buddy Program served 577 unduplicated youth from Aspen to Carbondale through our four programs: Community & School Based, LEAD (Leadership through Exploration Action and Discovery), and Peer-to-Peer.

THE GOAL

of the Buddy Program is to see improvements in each of the following areas for each youth involved.

We’ve seen a positive increase in each area over 2015 results:*

- Self Esteem: 69.3%
- Interest & Attitude Towards School: 68.0%
- Capacity for Healthy Decision Making: 79.6%
- Capacity for Healthy Relationships: 73.2%

* Based on survey results from 245 pre and post surveys administered to youth in programs between 2014-2016. These results show the number of youth maintaining or improving in each area.

PEER-TO-PEER PROGRAM

300 Big & Little Buddy Youth Participants

In the Peer-to-Peer Program, high school students mentor youth at the elementary and middle schools. This opportunity allows high school youth to develop their leadership, accountability and communication skills while working with Buddy Program staff to help them develop meaningful relationships with their mentees. The Buddy Program works with students and schools in Aspen, Basalt and Carbondale through these programs.

GOING THE DISTANCE IN 2016

We introduced STARS (Students Teaching About Relationships and Success) curriculum at Basalt High and Basalt Middle Schools. In this program, High School Big Buddies attend one-hour mentoring coaching sessions with Buddy Program staff each week in order to prepare them for their weekly meetings with their Little Buddies at Basalt Middle School. This curriculum is designed for both the Big and Little Buddies and focuses on self-awareness; future focus and mentor life.

I have to say that my son has just blossomed since Ryan came into his life. His confidence and self-esteem are developing and he is doing well at school and in his sports – making friends and getting along much better with his brothers and sister. I really feel like we hit the jackpot when Ryan came into our lives.

– Mother of Jacob M., Community Program Little Buddy

The Buddy Program has been serving youth in the Roaring Fork Valley.
Karen and Nathan Sandler
LEAD PROGRAM
(Leadership through Exploration Action and Discovery)
152 Youth Participants

The LEAD Program is a group experiential mentoring program that helps teens develop life skills while they experience hands-on activities alongside peers and caring adults. This program serves teens from Aspen to Carbondale in grades 5-12 by engaging them in activities, camps and in the classroom setting. All LEAD experiences are designed to challenge them and teach critical life skills such as teamwork, communication with peers and adults, decision-making, goal-setting, leadership, confidence, and trust.

Program Partners
Aspen Center for Environmental Studies
Aspen Expeditions
Aspen High School
Aspen Middle School
Aspen Skiing Company
Basalt High School
Basalt Middle School
Bureau of Land Management, Moab, UT
Carbondale Middle School
Colorado Mountain College
Desert Mountain Medicine
Ecoflight
5Point Film Festival
Elk Mountain Expeditions
Moab Desert Adventures
Roaring Fork High School
Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers
Roaring Fork School District
10th Mountain Division Hut Association
United States Forest Service, Manti La Sal Wilderness Workshop

The 2016 LEAD Program Included:

The High School Outdoor Leadership Class:
- Two days per week of in-classroom time
- Three multi-day excursions including a fall backpacking trip, winter hut trip and spring trip
- Several one-day trips to rock climb, snow shoe, hike and other activities
- Student-designed community service projects
- Over 300 hours of total programming

Offered at Roaring Fork High School since 2013

Going the Distance: New at Basalt High School in 2016

The Middle School Outdoor Leadership Class:
- Monthly classroom meetings
- Two, multi-day excursions including a desert camping trip and a winter hut trip
- Annual Youth Camp in Moab, Utah, for high school students
- Annual Day Camp for middle school students, takes place throughout the Roaring Fork Valley with one overnight camping excursion

Offered at Carbondale Middle School since 2014

Going the Distance: New to Basalt Middle School in 2016

2016 Highlights
- 96% of students in the Outdoor Leadership class at Basalt High School (BHS) and Roaring Fork High School (RFHS) reported an increase in their “teamwork” skills after completing the first semester of the course, and 85% of students in the course reported an increase in “communication with peers” and “confidence”.
- 100% of students in the course at BHS and RFHS showed an understanding in topics such as “impacts of humans on the environment” and “Leave No Trace ethics” and 96% reported an understanding of safe backcountry travel skills.
- 32 students engaged in over 120 hours with the Buddy Program’s LEAD Program. Five of these students engaged in over 300 hours!

Going the Distance, NEW in 2016: The Buddy Program is partnering with Colorado Mountain College to certify our Outdoor Leadership Course instructors so that students taking the course at the high school level are able to receive high school and college credit.

MENTORING and MORE

The Buddy Program offers high-quality mentoring experiences and more to youth and families who participate in our Programs. In 2016, we provided:

- 4 Parent workshops
- 9 Big Buddy trainings for adult and high school mentors
- 36 families referred for Holiday Baskets through Christ Episcopal Church’s program

Over $9,000 for 16 families to receive counseling services
$12,394 in Empowerment Scholarships to 130 youth in order to participate in extra-curricular activities
$35,000 in Continuing Education Scholarships to 18 youth to attend college or trade school, 11 of these students were the first generation in their family to attend college

An average of 21 contacts per year by our bilingual case managers with each family and youth we serve
In 2016, the Buddy Program worked with 291 mentors or Big Buddy volunteers. 150 of these were high school students while 141 were adult Big Buddies. Each Big Buddy is carefully screened before being paired with a Little Buddy. Big Buddies see their Little Buddies three to four times a month in the Community Program or once a week in the School-Based and Peer-to-Peer Programs. Big Buddies provide their Little Buddies the invaluable gift of friendship, guidance and opportunities to learn and grow. By consistently being there, listening and having fun, Big Buddies help transform young people’s lives for the better.

**Community and School-based Big Buddies**

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I do a lot of other volunteer work in our community, but I love the individual time Samantha and I spend together. It’s very meaningful. I’ve had a blessed life. I need to pass it on.

- Anne Blackwell, Big Buddy

**Peer-to-Peer Big Buddies**

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LEADERSHIP CIRCLE
In 2016, the Buddy Program launched a new recognition level within our National Council, the Leadership Circle. Leadership Circle members pledge a minimum of $5,000 per year, for at least three years to any of the Buddy Program’s four mentoring programs, critical services like counseling, or general operating expenses.

Every time we match a new Buddy Pair at the Buddy Program, we enter into a long-term commitment. For the next four years, on average (and in many cases for much longer), we and the volunteer Big Buddy commit to working with a child in need of mentoring. During that time, we will provide case management, counseling, activities, scholarships and a host of other services, and the Big Buddy will provide over 100 hours of mentoring and cultivation every year. To reflect the long-term nature of our work with our Little Buddies, multi-year pledges to the Buddy Program helps to ensure consistency of funding from year to year, reduce our fundraising costs and allow us to focus more on strengthening our programs.

Founding Leadership Circle Members*
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Mona Look-Mazza and Tony Mazza
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*All contributors who joined the Leadership Circle in 2016 are recognized as founding members.

The Buddy Program has given me things that I hold dear to my heart. They gave me a friend that has helped me through the toughest moments in my life, and they also gave me a real sense of myself. Sometimes it is the smallest actions in life that have the greatest impact.

- Alejandro Ortiz, former Little Buddy and Scholarship Recipient

- Board President, Adam Goldsmith, Katie Goldsmith and National Council Co-Chairs Angie and Gary Stewart at the National Council reception in March.
Surf’s Up at the Buddy Beach Bash! 

Over 500 patrons attended The Bash for the Buddies on Thursday, July 7, at Boogie’s Merry-Go-Ranch. The theme was the “Buddy Beach Bash” and inspired by the Beach Boys, patrons enjoyed a spectacular summer evening that included the Taste of Aspen Cocktail Reception, Silent Auction, dinner, Live Auction and dancing to live music. We sincerely thank all of our champions, friends, supporters and volunteers who joined us at the Bash. Over $800,000 was raised in support of the Buddy Program.

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The Y E S art piece was auctioned off during the Live Auction at the Bash for the Buddies, raising critical funds in support of our programs.

Y E S . . . We Can Make a Difference!
**Gingerbread House Workshop**

Building a Better Community for our Youth...One Gingerbread House at a Time!

Over 120 Big and Little Buddies gathered at The Little Nell on Sunday, December 11, 2016, for the 4th Annual Gingerbread House workshop hosted by Helen & Jim Fifield, and presented by Nancy & Richard Rogers and Woodbridge Realty Unlimited. Participants built the Gingerbread Houses of their dreams under the expert guidance of Helen Fifield. Thanks to generous individuals and business sponsors below, the Gingerbread House Workshop has become the second biggest fundraiser of the year for the Buddy Program, and this year raised over $70,000.

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- Aspen Valley Hospital
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30th Annual Boogie’s Buddy Race
Presented by Dancing Bear Aspen

Held every year on the morning of Independence Day, 2016 marked the 30th Anniversary of this much beloved Aspen tradition. Over 800 racers joined us at the new start and finish location at Rio Grande Park. The race featured a newly revamped five-mile run and one-mile Family and Canine Walk. Thank you to the many volunteers and sponsors who made this event possible year after year. Boogie’s Buddy Race raised $60,000 for the Buddy Program.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Buddy Program is grateful to the generous individuals and businesses who help us further our mission through special events that raise important funds for our programs or engage in important topics that concern the youth of our community.

Aspen Art Wave: an art show and fundraising event, produced and curated by Deborah Daine

“Your Right to be Happy” with speaker Dr. John Sharp at the Hotel Jerome, presented by the Buddy Program, Aspen Valley Hospital and the Aspen Hope Center

Community Conversations: The Buddy Program offered three Community Conversations in 2016. These are casual gatherings with engaging discussion about important topics in our community. Topics included:

Mentoring as an Act of Kindness, with speaker Dr. Pamela Paresky, hosted by Kimberly Higgins and Sue O’Bryan Kinney

Marijuana & Kids – A (the) Conversation, with speaker Dr. Jonathan Birnkrant, hosted by Katie & Adam Goldsmith and Alex & Scott Kendrick

Mentoring and More in Carbondale, hosted by Cresta & Travis Stewart and Lisa & Ron Speaker

Burberry Shopping Reception: hosted by Helen & Jim Fiield, Mona Look-Mazza & Tony Mazza, Susan Plummer, and Angie & Gary Stewart

Rooms 4 Good: Thank you to The Little Nell and Limelight Hotel for teaming up with the Buddy Program on a new program which offered select dates last fall to book rooms at a reduced price, with a portion of the purchase donated to the Buddy Program.

Annual Celebration Dinner: An annual event for Big and Little Buddies to celebrate their participation in the Buddy Program and to honor the following people for their outstanding service to the Buddy Program:

Hero Award for outstanding contributions: Adam Goldsmith

Angel Award for significantly advancing fundraising efforts: Angie and Gary Stewart

Golden Carabiner Award for furthering our LEAD Programs: Terry Leitch, Sr.

Special thank you to the Caribou Club for generously hosting the Annual Celebration Dinner.

Patrons check out “Alaskan Moose” with artist Vaughn Shafer at the Aspen Art Wave in July

Boogie’s Buddy Race had a new start and finish location at Rio Grande Park
JUNIOR COUNCIL
The Junior Council is comprised of influential young professionals of the Roaring Fork Valley between the ages of 18 - 40. Members of the Junior Council donate $120 per year for an individual or $180 per year for a family.

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In 2016, the Buddy Program saw an increase in revenue and expenses compared to 2015. Significant gains in income in 2016 included the Gingerbread House Event and individual donations. Our LEAD Program continued to expand as did the number of youth we are serving in Carbondale resulting in an increase in expenses. The average cost of the program continues to be approximately $1,300 per client.

USE OF FUNDS

SOURCE OF FUNDS

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

The Buddy Program continues to rely on events and individuals for the bulk of our income. Income from grants was on par with 2015 and continues to round out our fundraising efforts at 9% of income. Event expense ratio to event income was 38% compared to 36% in 2015.

Thanks to increased sponsorship by businesses and low expense ratio (9%), the Gingerbread House Workshop remains our second largest fundraiser and has the most Buddy Program participants.

Salaries and related expenses continue to be our largest expense comprising 58% of expenses. In 2016 the Buddy Program had 12 full-time staff for most of the year.

Finally, the Buddy Program maintains a reserve fund which equals approximately $900,000. This reserve allows us to keep cash flow steady throughout the year and eliminates any deficits that occurs in our operating budget. Our investment incomes from this account contributed approximately 13% to revenues.

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