



Greetings!

As we head into summer season in Aspen, I feel a little bit like a student on her first day of school; slightly nervous, really excited and looking forward to endless possibilities! The Bash for the Buddies, on July 6th, is shaping up as one of the hottest parties of the summer and **we are already half way to sold out**. Many thanks to those who have bought their tickets and tables; if you have not and are thinking about it, reserve yours today by clicking [here](#)!

Also not to be missed is the annual Boogie's Buddy Race on July 4th at 8 a.m. Not a runner? That's ok! Enjoy the mellow 1-mile family and canine walk, come by the vendor village and check out the giveaways from our generous sponsors, cheer on your friends and family and start the day off with one of Aspen's most beloved events. Click [here](#) to register or learn more about the Race!

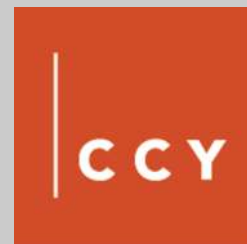
The Bash for the Buddies and Boogie's Buddy Race raise money to support the critical work we do with our youth, and this work doesn't end over the summer months. As events ramp up, the programs do too. We head to Moab for Youth Camp with 25 enthusiastic teens for five days on June 15th. We are recruiting and enrolling middle school students for Dream Day Camp in August, for five days of exposure to new and critical life skills and adventures. Ensuring that our youth continue to spend time with their mentor, that new mentors are recruited and screened to match with new youth is our constant priority. We also spend the summer months planning and getting ready to execute all of our school programs that occur at 9 public schools throughout the Roaring Fork Valley. We are here year-round and we are here for the long run in this community. All of our programs are provided at no cost to all of our participants. Support us today by purchasing your Race entry, your Bash ticket, participating in our [Rockstar Raffle](#) or making a [donation](#)!

Sincerely and with gratitude,

Lindsay H. Lofaro
Executive Director



Thank you to the following organizations for their support this month:



The Buddy Program is Hiring!
LEAD Programs Coordinator:
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ANNOUNCING!

The Buddy Program Rockstar Raffle



GRAND PRIZE:

Private Helicopter Ride to VIP Concert at Fiddler's Green for Two*

- Private helicopter ride with Aspen Heli Charter roundtrip Aspen to Denver
- 2 VIP tickets, to your choice of one concert at Fiddler's Green Amphitheater, including a backstage tour and dinner
- One-night stay at JW Marriot at Cherry Creek
- Private transportation in Denver provided by Hermes World Wide

1 Ticket for \$100 | 3 Tickets for \$250 | 10 Tickets for \$500

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY!](#)

Must be 21 to purchase tickets

Drawing: Thursday, July 6, at 8:30 pm at the Bash for the Buddies
1650 McLain Flats Rd, Aspen, CO 81611

Need not be present to win. License # 2017-12274

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*Must be used between the dates of July 18-September 12, 2017. Must provide two-weeks notice to book the helicopter and tickets. Subject to availability. The raffle winner will be posted to BuddyProgram.org/Rockstar-Raffle by noon on Friday, July 7, for 30 days or you can call 970-920-2130 to verify the winning number. Online sales will end at 3:00 pm MST on July 6, 2017.

[Click here to purchase tickets and tables!](#)



the WHITE HOUSE TAVERN



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2009

Erica Golden & Elise S.

2010

Makenzie Eshelman & Erica C.

2012

Samuel Bernal Urbina & Christian M.

2013

Ryan Larkin & Jacob M.
Kayla Feld & Abigail P.
Candace Huffman & Angelie N.

2014

Hailey Guglielmo & Ashley B.
Anne Norrdin & Ana T.

2015

Laura Crow & Ella M.
(Pictured)

2016

Madeline Fones & Morgan K.
Andy Fisher & Abraham T.



STAY CONNECTED:

18TH ANNUAL **BASH FOR THE BUDDIES** 2017

ROCKSTAR

STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT,
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SAVE THE DATE!
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BOOGIE'S MERRY-GO RANCH

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Thank you to our Boogie's Buddy Race Sponsors!



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MENTEE WAITLIST

Name: Sergey P. Age: 10 Lives in: Aspen

Sergey moved to the valley from Kazakhstan a little over a year ago and will be in 5th grade at Aspen Middle School next fall. Sergey is kind, smart, open-hearted, creative, and athletic. He is passionate about Tae Kwon Do, and also enjoys skateboarding, biking, basketball, ice skating, swimming, the climbing wall, and going to the ARC with friends. Sergey would like to be an actor when he grows up and if he could meet any famous person, it would be Bruce Lee!



Contact Recruitment Manager, Laura Seay, for more information on becoming a Big Buddy!

LauraS@buddyprogram.org

NEW PAIRS



Welcome, Jeff Clark and Dylan!

MENTOR SPOTLIGHT

Nayeli and Jackie B. Deam are a Community-based Pair in the mid valley. They have been together as a Buddy Pair for 4 years and they have a wonderful and very solid mentoring relationship and friendship. Jackie has been Nayeli's number one supporter over the years. So, when Nayeli told her she was interested in learning about criminal justice and perhaps pursuing a career in it, Jackie immediately got in touch with her Case Manager to look for different ways to support Nayeli to achieve her goal. Their Case Manager, Ainhoa Bujan, put them in touch with Stu



Curry who is also one of our amazing mentors in the Community Program, besides being an Assistant Professor at Colorado Law Enforcement Training Academy at CMC. Stu met with Nayeli and Jackie at CMC and shared all the information Nayeli needed in order to pursue a career in criminal justice.

Thank you so much to our mentors Jackie B. Deam and Stu Curry for your time and effort to make sure Nayeli learns more about this career and pursues her goals and dreams!

LEAD (Leadership through Exploration, Action and Discovery)



Our Karen and Nathan Sandler LEAD programs ended the school year strong with some fun and adventurous field trips! Roaring Fork High School students pushed beyond their comfort zones at the

CMC low and high ropes course, and Basalt High School and Carbondale Middle School students loved climbing at the rock crag. What a great way to put teamwork developed across the school year to the test! Students demonstrated encouragement, trust, and confidence. Thanks for a great year, Outdoor Leadership students!

WELCOME, CLARA!

Please join us in welcoming Clara Blakely to the Buddy Program as a Bilingual Case Manager! For the last several years, Clara has been working as an immigration paralegal, diligently working to understand each immigrant client's story and help them achieve legal status in their adopted country. Click [here](#) to learn more about Clara!



COMMUNITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Virtual Reality & Building Experience at CCY Architects

Buddy Pairs got a glimpse into the field of architecture at our May Buddy Pair event at [CCY Architects](#). The Buddies loved experiencing virtual reality and expressing their creativity in a fun, architecture-inspired art project. A huge thank you to CCY Architects for hosting our group and facilitating the evening's activities!



CELEBRATING SENIORS



The Buddy Program is pleased to announce that we have awarded **\$25,000 in Continuing Education Scholarships to 17 graduating seniors**. **11** of our 17 scholarship recipients are going to be **first generation college students!** We are very grateful to help all of these youth achieve their college dreams, and greatly improve their opportunities for employment, lifetime earnings, civic engagement and quality of life.



Here, from left to right, are former Buddies Sarah Fedishen and Carla C., with their Buddy Program Case Manager, Sole Lowe. Carla recently graduated from Colorado Mountain College with her Associates Degree and is headed to Colorado Mesa University to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice!