

45th Buddy Program

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Celebrating 45 years of mentoring

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Greetings!

I have a confession to make. I have worked at the Buddy Program for 16 years and I have NEVER run the Boogie's Buddy 5-mile Race on July 4th. Last summer, my 9-year-old wanted to run, so we signed up for the 1-mile family and canine race and that was a first! I often wondered if I had a friend who wanted to participate in the run and who took me under her wing and made me train, would I do it? Chances are, probably yes!

I confess this to you not to beat myself up (nor to promise it will happen this year), but to help you stop and think about the power of mentoring in reaching one's goals. If you had dreams of graduating high school and attending college, but no one came along to help you, would you do it? Early June marked a milestone for many local students who graduated. And so many of them (41 to be exact) were "our" kids: Little Buddies, LEAD (Leadership through Exploration Action and Discovery) participants, and high school volunteer Big Buddies! While many of these students had a lot of help along their way, I know that their mentoring experience with the Buddy Program also provided them with encouragement, support and lots of love to say, "You can do this!"

The Buddy Program provides these mentoring experiences at no cost to our students and families, nor to the schools where we provide many school-based programs. We have been providing mentoring programming in our community for 45 years and have big plans to be around for the next 45! However, we can only do it with the support of this amazing community. The [Boogie's Buddy Race](#) on July 4th and the [Bash for the Buddies](#) on July 6th are critical fundraising opportunities for us and we hope you will consider participating! Not in town? Please consider making a donation! Your support will ensure that youth in our community all have the support to realize their dreams!

With gratitude,

[Donate now!](#)

CALLING ALL FORMER BIG AND LITTLE BUDDIES!

Fill out [this form](#) by June 15th and tell us your mentoring story, to be entered to **win** a ticket to the Bash for the Buddies!

You're invited:

**Annual Buddy Picnic
Tuesday, June 19th
5:30-7:30 PM
Arboney Park, Basalt**
We would love to see former Big and Little Buddies there!

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT THIS MONTH!

Lindsay H Lofaro

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Executive Director



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ASSET MANAGEMENT
MICHAEL CONNOLLY, ASPEN



STEP RIGHT UP!

2018

19TH ANNUAL

BIG TOP BASH

FOR THE BUDDIES

JULY
FRIDAY | 6:00 PM **6th**

HOSTED by
LENNY "BOOGIE" WEINGLASS & GAIL WOLVEN

HONORING
ANGIE & GARY STEWART

LIVE MUSIC
MARCHFOURTH

ADMIT ONE
CALL OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE OR TICKETS
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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018!



We have 41 Buddy Program students graduating and we are so excited to see what they do next!

Come one, come all to the Big Top Bash for the Buddies on Friday, July 6!

A limited number of tickets and tables are still available. Reserve yours today!



A Special Thanks to our Host Committee:

Lenny "Boogie" Weinglass and Gail Wolven, Andrew Cader, David Chazen, Helen and Jim Fifield, Katie and Adam Goldsmith, Randy and Ken Kendrick, Kristen and David Lambert, Jennifer and Joe Mason, Mona Look-Mazza and Tony Mazza, Becky and Mike Murray, JoAnna and Stephen Myers, Amy Elias and Richie Pearlstone, Pat and Ed Peterson, Lexie and Robert Potamkin, Lynda and Stewart Resnick, Lorraine and Mark Schapiro, Angie and Gary Stewart, Jeanne and Ned Walker, and Cheryl Wyly and Joe Vernier

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2010
Makenzie Eshelman & Erica

2013
Ryan Larkin & Jacob
Kayla Feld & Abigail
Candace Huffman & Angelie
(Pictured)

2014
Hailey Guglielmo & Ashley
Anne Norrdin & Ana

2016
Madeline Fones & Morgan
Andy Fisher & Abraham

2017
Jessica Gurrentz & Chloe
John Gillies & Collin

Click the image below to register for the Race!



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MENTEE WAITLIST

Name: Ozley Age: 9 Lives in: Aspen

Ozley is an extremely creative 3rd grade student who loves singing and dancing, drawing and painting, writing, acting in school plays, playing board games and cards, skiing, and fantasy. He wants a Big Buddy who he can be active with, who is "strong and can teach him to bike, play basketball, and do other sports with wheels like scootering or skateboarding." Ozley's mom describes him as "full of energy, wanting to know everything about everything, intelligent, sensitive, intuitive, caring, an old soul, and loving of everyone." If you are looking for a Little Buddy with whom you can be equally active and creative, Ozley may just be the right fit for you!



Contact Recruitment Manager, Laura Seay, for more information on becoming a Big Buddy! LauraS@buddyprogram.org

NEW PAIRS

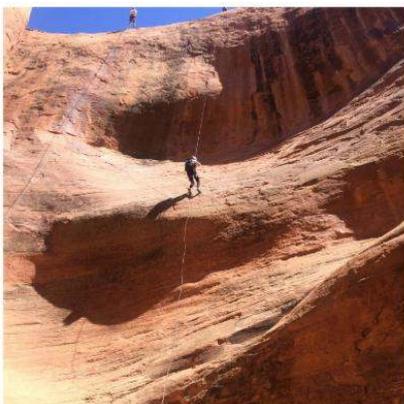
Welcome Xan Demas & Debbie, and Chris Lundgren & Nic!!



LEAD (Leadership through Exploration, Action and Discovery)

The Outdoor Leadership programs in both Carbondale and Basalt have been busy! They have finished their final trips of the season where Carbondale went to Buena Vista for rafting, hiking and hot springs and Basalt headed to Moab for canyoneering. These 3-day adventures were the culmination of a yearlong class; learning skills such as Leave No Trace, teamwork, leadership, communication, outdoor ethics and so much more.

Moab Canyoneering



Basalt High School camped, hiked, and explored the local desert area learning about geology, ecology, and past cultural history. They squeezed through numerous narrow slots, waded through pools, and rappelled three times; the highest being 180'! As a post canyoneering celebratory treat, they stopped at the famous Milt's Stop & Eat for milkshakes to help cool off and debrief a job well done. This trip was the grand finale for the year and where students earned their Colorado Mountain College credit for OUT-114 Canyon Orientation.

Buena Vista Rafting, Hiking & Hot Springs



Roaring Fork High School has decided Buena Vista is named accordingly! It's so exciting to see a whole year of learning summarized into this final trip. The RFHS students took such ownership over their time management, cooking, cleaning, team work, everything. The hikes were stunning, the rafting was sunny with big water, and the hot springs were super relaxing. We finished our Sunday morning with a 2-hour solo. All but two students said they could have stayed out for 24 hours.

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for these students; they're the best!

COMMUNITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Mawa's Kitchen Cooking Class



Buddy Pairs were welcomed to Mawa's Kitchen on May 23rd for a fun, hands-on cooking class with Chef Mawa. The Buddies made potato and sweet potato gnocchi, meatballs a la Italia and apple crumble. They enjoyed the fruits of their labor with dinner al fresco on the deck (it was SO lovely that they stayed out there until 8:30!) The Buddies were VERY pleased with how their meal came out. Everything was delicious!

We would like to thank Mawa's Kitchen for having us and leading such a fun class for our Buddies. Strong community support and partnerships are a huge part of the Buddy Program's success in mentoring our youth. THANK YOU!

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Buddy Bowling Party



On May 4th, Buddy Pairs came together for the annual Buddy Bowling Party at the Bowlounge. Everyone got lots of games in and Big Buddies were feeling pretty good about their scores. (We won't mention that their scores were aided by bumpers. Shhhhhh!) As always, it was such a treat to see our Buddy Pairs come together for fun times and A LOT of laughter.

