



Greetings!

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Buddy Program! Wait, what? It is only October and I am wishing you Happy Holidays now?!

Well, it is the spirit of giving that is on my mind. I was reminded at our staff meeting last week how much our organization gives to our program participants and their families and right now is a key time when much of this giving happens:

- Our Empowerment Scholarship applications for extracurricular activities have been distributed to all program participants and are due at the end of the month! Over \$7,000 will be awarded to youth participants to engage in activities ranging from skiing and snowboarding with AVSC to ballet, basketball, school fees, Aspen Recreation Center passes, and more! In addition to providing youth with mentors, we feel that keeping them busy after school and on the weekends while helping them find their passion is equally important and we invest many resources in to this scholarship process.
- Thanks to the generosity of our community and our partnership with Christ Episcopal Church in Aspen, our Case Managers are identifying families to benefit from the annual Holiday Basket Program.
- After backpacking for 3 days in the snow and rain in September, our Outdoor Leadership students will be rock climbing to challenge themselves and work together as a team and then heading out with EcoFlight to learn more about public lands in October through our Karen and Nathan Sandler LEAD Programs.
- Activities for Buddy Pairs this month include: a day at WindWalkers equine therapy center, a program with Aspen Art Museum to learn about and create stop motion animation, and tickets to ACES Harvest Party. Additionally, we will host a reunion for all of the youth who joined us at the LEAD Youth Camp in June.
- Over 50 Little Buddies at Aspen Elementary, Basalt Middle and Crystal River Elementary Schools will be matched with high school Big Buddies in the next two weeks through our Peer-to-Peer Program. We are hard at work training and recruiting mentors for this program.
- Our AmeriCorps member starts in the middle of October at Basalt Elementary School where she will be mentoring 10 youth in a one-to-one setting, in addition to running after-school programs.

Yes, we give a lot at the Buddy Program. And we can't do it without the generosity of this community and the many partners we have.

As the end of the year approaches, we will be asking for you to give to the Buddy Program to support us in our work. Keep an eye out for our appeals in your mailbox or [donate today!](#)

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

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In the spirit of giving,

Lindsay H. Lofaro
Executive Director



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Join us at
CAPITOL CREEK BREWERY
to learn more about becoming a Big Buddy
and play like a kid again!
Wednesday, October 25th
5p-7p
COMPLIMENTARY FOOD & DRINK!
Buddy Program
Inspire. Empower. Mentor!




**OCTOBER
ANNIVERSARIES**

2012
Lisa DiMento & Lluvia and
Maydalid C.

2014
James Dula & Oliver S.

2015
Dana Presutti & Judith G.
(Pictured)

2016
Mallory Yacullo & Samira H.



MENTEE WAITLIST

Name: Antoinette B. Age: 9 Lives in: Carbondale

Antoinette is a 4th grader who loves swimming, skiing, walking, reading, watching movies and putting on makeup! She also loves dolphins and animals. She would like to work with animals when she grows up. Her favorite famous person is "Shakira, Shakira!" She would like her Big Buddy to be fun, funny and active. Antoinette is very sweet but shy young girl and having a Big Buddy in her life would mean a lot to her. It would make her "happy and feel great!"



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

New Pairs

We'd like to welcome Jenny Narrod and Maria R. and Carl Zoch and Luis F. to the Buddy Program!

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LEAD (Leadership through Exploration, Action and Discovery)

Snowy backpack trips welcomes our LEAD students back to class



With the start of the school year, our LEAD programs are back in action with Outdoor Leadership classes starting again at Basalt Middle and High School, Carbondale Middle School, and Roaring Fork High School. This month, the BHS and RFHS Outdoor Leadership classes completed their three-day backpack trips to Deadman Lake in the Hunter-Frying Pan Wilderness. With the weather turning, it made for some exciting adventures!

COMMUNITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

BBQ, Beach Volleyball and "Dreams & Goals" with lululemon



On September 13th, the Buddy Program hosted a Buddy Pair/recruitment event in cooperation with lululemon. We had 12 Buddy Pairs in attendance along with several promising Big Buddy prospects. We began the evening with a "Dreams & Goals" workshop for the Buddy Pairs facilitated by lululemon and a great BBQ dinner from Hickory House! Afterwards, Buddy Pairs enjoyed the crisp, fall evening together by playing beach volleyball, spike ball and frisbee in the park.

BUDDY PROGRAM EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2016, \$12,394 in Empowerment Scholarships were awarded

In addition to reaping the numerous benefits of a mentoring relationship, extracurricular Empowerment Scholarships are available twice per year for Little Buddies. Empowerment Scholarships are for extracurricular activities of the Little Buddies' choice and are commonly used towards AVSC programs, Aspen Recreation Center passes, Windwalkers summer camps, and much more.

Our Empowerment Scholarship applications have been distributed to all program participants, and as a reminder:

Aspen Valley Ski and Snowboard Club Winter 2018 Registration is NOW Open!

Online sign up & payment plans are available at
www.teamavsc.org



For more information call or email:
Trish Shepard, tshepard@teamavsc.org, 970.205.5160
For information in Spanish call Ceci Hernandez, 970.205.5161

Dining out this off season? Picking up some wine for dinner? Keep your eyes out for La Carafe! Chubby Oveges and Carleton McCoy from The Little Nell are producing this wine and are generously donating 100% of proceeds to the Buddy Program and two other non-profits!



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Rosé Pays D'Oc

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