



The Bash for the Buddies

The 18th Annual Bash for the Buddies will be held on **July 6, 2017** at **Lenny “Boogie” Weinglass’ Merry-Go Ranch**. One of the hottest parties of the Aspen summer and the kick-off to the Aspen summer social scene, this \$1,000 per plate fundraiser for the Buddy Program annually attracts over 500 of Aspen’s elite philanthropists for a night of **Silent and Live Auctions, The Taste of Aspen** including appetizers and dinner from over a dozen of Aspen’s best chefs, **live entertainment and dancing!** The theme for this year’s Bash is **the Buddy Beach Bash!** This Beach Boy inspired theme will bring alive a warm southern California night overlooking majestic mountain views and the world-class destination of Aspen, Colorado.

The night is a great celebration of the Buddy Program and the over 700 youth and families that we serve, and typically raises \$800,000 or more in one night, more than half of our operating budget, thanks to the generosity and support of our many donors. Learn more at BuddyProgram.org!

Donate to our Auctions

We hope you will consider donating to our Silent, Big Board, or Live Auctions at the Bash for the Buddies! Items valued at \$100 and above will be included in the Silent Auction. Any items valued at \$5,000 or more will be considered for our Big Board and items valued at \$10,000 or more will be considered for the Live Auction. The Live Auction is limited to 5-7 carefully selected items, and typically raises well over \$100,000 alone.

2016 Live Auction Highlights

- Napa Valley Wine Crush Getaway! One week stay at the incomparable Calistoga Ranch, private tour and tasting for 4 at Rudd Oakville Estate, followed by dinner at Press Napa Valley in St. Helena. Value: \$29,500
- Dancing Bear Winter Ski Package! 7-night stay at Dancing Bear Aspen, including lift tickets, private ski lessons, new skis or snowboard, \$5,00 gift certificate to Maison Ullens and \$250 gift certificate to Matsuhisa Aspen. Value: \$25,000

2016 Silent Auction Highlights

- \$9,500 Dennis Basso Mink Vest with Hood
- \$6,300 Tudor Dial Watch
- \$4,000 The Inn at Little Washington, one-night stay in Presidential Suite and Dinner for 2
- \$1,000 Aspen Luggage
- \$500 Gift Certificate to Pitkin County Dry Goods
- \$250 Caribou Club 3-Course Dinner
- \$135 Salon Tullio Signature Facial

To Donate to our Auction, please return the enclosed donation form, email LauraS@buddyprogram.org or call 970-920-2130.





The Buddy Program empowers youth through mentoring experiences in order to achieve their full potential.

The Buddy Program has been serving youth in the Roaring Fork Valley including Aspen, CO, since 1973. As the second largest youth mentoring organization in Colorado, the Buddy Program worked over 700 youth and their families in 2016. In our primary service area from Aspen to Carbondale, nearly 1 out of 10 youth are involved in our programs. The Buddy Program offers four mentoring programs:

- **Community and School Based Programs:** One-on-one mentoring programs where adult Big Buddies meet with their Little Buddies 3 to 4 times per month in the community, or weekly at school.
- **Peer-to-Peer:** High School Big Buddies meet with their Little Buddies weekly at the elementary and middle schools.
- **LEAD Program:** Experiential group mentoring program, where students in grades 6 -12 explore life skills and build relationships with their peers through outdoor and experiential activities

What sets the Buddy Program apart from other mentoring programs is the professional Case Management and comprehensive services that we offer. The Buddy Program staff provides over 200 hours of case management or classroom instruction to our Little Buddies and their families each year. We work with parents, Big Buddies, teachers and counselors to help ensure that the needs of the youth that we serve and their families are being met. The Buddy Program provides scholarships for extra-curricular activities, continuing education scholarships, over 25 free activities throughout the year for Big and Little Buddies in the Community Program, referrals for critical services in the Roaring Fork Valley, and professional youth and family counseling. Because of this comprehensive approach, our Buddy Pairs stay together for four years on average, versus fewer than two for comparable, national programs.

Program evaluations demonstrate that the Buddy Program has helped our Little Buddies in areas of self-esteem, decision making, academics and relationships with friends and family. Because nearly 60% of our program participants live in families that earn less than the subsistence level for Pitkin County (~\$56,000) and we serve many of the most at-risk youth in our community, *all of our programs and services are provided at no cost to all of our participants.* The Bash for the Buddies provides half of our annual fundraising revenue and is crucial in enabling the Buddy Program to meet the large need in the Roaring Fork Valley. The Buddy Program is a registered 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Learn more at BuddyProgram.org!