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November 2010

Amazing things are happening with Partners every month:

October is Family Health Month <http://www.epromos.com/calendar/family-health-month.html>

November is International Creative Child and Adult Month <http://www.epromos.com/calendar/international-creative-child-adult-month.html>

Check it out!!

Seen our new FACEBOOK Page? www.facebook.com/partnersmentoring. Become a friend. Stay in touch. It's easy.

Know someone who would like to support a child in your community? Tell them about how they can get involved in Partners Mentoring!

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Nexus Coordinator/TAB Board

Debra Trninich

YSAP coordinator/ TAB Board

NEW MATCHES

One to One

7/28 Cristi Wilson & Miranda T

8/5 Valerie Chavez-Good & Kaytlin B

9/18 Hannah Stangebye & Hayden G

9/18 Kathleen Ray & Kayla H

9/25 Carol Benitez & Emmalee M

NEW MATCHES

Art Partners

8-19 Patricia Hecht & A. J

9/16 Lois Fritz & Chase E

9/23 Rose Walsh & Ella W.

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Match Made in Hotchkiss

By: Julianne Johnson

Peggy Pappon and Alexa E are a match made in heaven. Well, in Hotchkiss, but these two really do have a magical relationship. They have only been meeting for five months but they have accomplished much. Peggy is the art glass instructor at The Creamery Arts Center and the Partnership is able to meet in The Creamery Art Glass Studio. This provides a lot of inspiration because they are exposed to exceptional glass art being created and exhibited in the North Fork area. Alexa has already learned to cut and polish glass, foil, flux and solder. She can finish a panel by adding loops and chain for display in a window. In five months she has finished a large floral panel (pictured), an oval hummingbird hanging and a fused glass piece. She has just started a new panel of a Siberian Husky for a gift. She is drawing from an enlarged photo. Everything on this piece will be her design from choosing the right glass (color and texture) to deciding where the cuts will go and how it will be displayed. Peggy says she has learned a lot from her students and Interns because they don't know what works and what doesn't. They will attempt things that common artistic wisdom says won't work but often succeed spectacularly. Alexa has been an excellent student and also shows her own creativity and taste fearlessly. Be sure to see this partnership's work in the Annual Art



Welcome New Staff Member- Debra Trninich

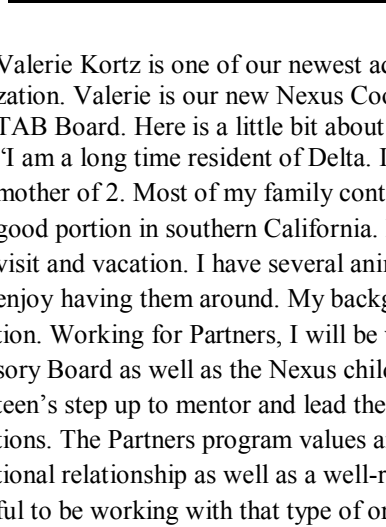


Debra Trninich is one of the newest additions to the Partners organization. Debra is our new Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator and also works with the TAB Board. Here is a little bit about Debra in her own words.

"I live on Cedar Mesa above the town of Cedaredge with my husband and son. My son is a sophomore at Cedaredge High School. I also, have a daughter, son-in-law and grand-daughter in Montana. In addition, we have two border collies, Shadow and Zoe, Baxter the barn cat, and 8 guinea hens. It has become quite a spectacle to see them all follow me when I check the mail or go for a walk. My background consists of twenty plus years of inner work so that I might be more effective in the external world, all of which took a myriad of forms. Suffice it to say that the main component of this journey was learning to observe my actions even as I participated in the dance of life. During this time I was lucky enough to be

hired by a commercial airline where I was able to visit many different cultures. The interesting thing about traveling to foreign lands is that it requires one to observe, listen, and ask questions in an attempt to connect with the social norms of the culture. This was capped with a BA degree in Psychology Counseling; imagine my surprise when I learned that the major components of counseling are observation, listening and reflecting which builds the connection between the counselor (observer) and the client (participant). Life really does come full circle. I am beyond excited to be able to extend those skills to the community as the YSAP coordinator."

Welcome New Staff Member- Valerie Kortz



Valerie Kortz is one of our newest additions to the Partners organization. Valerie is our new Nexus Coordinator and works with the TAB Board. Here is a little bit about Valerie in her own words.

"I am a long time resident of Delta. I am married and a proud mother of 2. Most of my family continues to live here but also a good portion in southern California. It gives me a great place to visit and vacation. I have several animals from horses to cats. I enjoy having them around. My background is in secondary education. Working for Partners, I will be working with the Teen Advisory Board as well as the Nexus children. It's very exciting to see teen's step up to mentor and lead the community in positive directions. The Partners program values and promotes an intergenerational relationship as well as a well-rounded education. I am grateful to be working with that type of organization."



Calendar of Events

Please tell us if you are or are not coming for all activities

Partnership & Nexus Activities

October 21, 2010 from 4pm to 6pm is the **Corn Maze** in Olathe for **Nexus only** expect a post-card for further details

Saturday, October 30, 2010 is **Ouray Hot Springs** from 2-4 pm for **P/BC**

Friday, November 19, 2010 6 pm **Silly Supper** for **P/BC**.

November 27, 2010 Chili Bowl Fundraiser 11 am-2pm at **Around the Corner Gallery**, 447 Main Street, Montrose, call 249-1116 (Lissette) for more information. Buy a bowl & buy some chili & support our kids.

November—Delta, North Fork and Montrose businesses will be selling **TURKEY HANDS** again for a \$1.00 donation. Remind your friends that money raised **LOCALLY** stays **LOCAL**.

Acronyms

GRA Group Recreation Activity: *This includes P Partnerships, BC Brown Center and N Nexus*

LSA Life Skills Activity

CSA Community Service Activity

SPO Senior Partners Only

N Nexus Activity

BC Brown Center

Happy Birthday



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10-1 Sylvan W
- 10-1 Tracy Imhoff
- 10-2 Nancy Donegan
- 10-4 Omar D
- 10-6 Jamal H
- 10-6 Brynn Boyd
- 10-6 Nick I
- 10-6 Caroline Lecroart
- 10-9 Sue Hicks
- 10-10 Wayne Stanfill
- 10-10 Brandon W
- 10-13 Wanda Brunemeier
- 10-16 Debra Trninich
- 10-20 Sara Rapp
- 10-23 Lissette Riviere
- 10-24 Cory O
- 10-24 Kirk Shiflett
- 10-25 Tyler O
- 10-27 Halli B

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11-2 Jacoba Kaufman
- 11-7 Lea Rolfsen
- 11-8 Ezekiel G
- 11-10 Marjorie Lloyd
- 11-11 Dick Moore
- 11-12 Sherry Trujillo
- 11-13 Matthew Ronssse
- 11-15 Christian F
- 11-15 Morgan T
- 11-16 Travis W
- 11-17 Kiana R
- 11-18 Cynthia Lewis
- 11-22 Hayden G
- 11-23 Masa Holle
- 11-25 Mary Smith
- 11-26 Holly Hooten
- 11-27 Luna S
- 11-29 Debbie Salcedo
- 11-30 Mikah B



Partners of Delta, Montrose & Ouray now has a page on Facebook! You can visit our Partners page at www.facebook.com/partnersmentoring. If you are a member of Facebook, please visit the page and click "Like" to follow our activities. We have over 100 friends now, and we'd like to add you to the list.

You can help generate funds for Partners each time you shop at City Market

If you use a **City Market Value card**, you can designate that a percentage of all of your purchases be donated to Partners. **You don't pay any more for your groceries** -- City Market simply credits us with a donation amount every time you shop and scan your card. However, you must register your card with Partners. To do that, simply give your name and your City Market card number to any Partners Staff and they will take care of the rest! Your friends can also register to have donations made to Partners, so spread the word! It is an easy way to give and help our kids. Call 249-1116 if you have any questions

ART INSTRUCTION

One to One Partners and Art Partners Teens, kids age 12-17, serious about your art? Terrific opportunity to learn from the best. Starting Monday, September 27, David Strong will be kicking off the school year teaching clay, hand-building and throwing on the wheel, in the Creamery Pottery Studio in Hotchkiss. Materials and instruction will be provided free of charge to motivated students through the Creamery Arts Center. Join us on Monday afternoons throughout the school year from 4:00-6:00 PM. David's class is just the beginning. We will be exploring many exciting media through this program. Call The Creamery 872-4848 to reserve your spot, or Julianne Johnson, 874-4661 Art Partners Case Manager for more information.

With the support of our Senior Partners, Volunteers, and Donors like **YOU**, we continue to grow and reach more children each year. **You make change happen!**

There are still over **40** children waiting for a strong adult presence.

Recommend a friend to be a Senior Partner and change the life of a child.

Thank You for all you do! **Keep spreading the word!**

WISH LIST: Ink for Epson C88 printer - Ink for Epson Workforce 310 printer - copy paper 8.5x11 and 8.5x14—paper towels -toilet paper - paper clips - scotch tape - file folders - 1 inch 3 ring binders

October is Family Health Month!

This month-long campaign is designed to help every family member take a closer look at their overall health and discover new ways to live a healthy lifestyle. By taking a personal health inventory that analyzes your current diet, fitness, stress levels, health hazards, diseases, and alcohol and tobacco use, you can get a much better idea of what needs to be done to improve your health.

November is International Creativity Month!

This November add creativity into your life, with International Creative Child and Adult Month. Use this time to expand your imagination as well as your child's by promoting different types of artistic creativity. By painting a picture every so often or taking a dance class, you are stepping out of your boundaries and helping your mind gain more experience and knowledge. Not only does it switch up your normal daily routine, but a lot of people find creative projects to be relaxing and stress relieving.

The Scoop with Mystery



I was able to sit in at the Last Senior Partner Only when the mentors discussed how they could help their kids with school. Our Senior Partners always feel that they need to be positive about school, show genuine interest in their JP's achievements and interests and recognize and hear when their kids are not doing well or have problems. Our mentors came up with good ways to encourage their mentees. One Partner insists on a weekly school report that shows no behavioral problems and a passing grade in every class. When these reports are good the JP earns a small donation to a fund to buy a bike. Another Partner actually goes to school and tutors his Junior Partner 2 hours a week. Whether it's a subscription to National Geographic or a beautiful book-mark for a special book the mentors all agreed that school was an important aspect of their relationships with their mentees. I thought, "Wow, Partners has wise Senior Partners."

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Partners of Delta, Montrose and Ouray is a non-profit organization working toward a future where every child receives positive guidance and encouragement. Within our communities, Partners provides many opportunities for you to share your talents and energy with our youth. Our program is a wonderful opportunity for you to make a difference in the life of a child.

Get involved today by [contacting us](#) - you may be surprised what a difference it will make in your life too!

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