

# Partners Link

www.partners-west.org

December 2010



January 2011

Amazing things happen with Partners every month.

Visit these sites for more winter fun on Grand Mesa

<http://www.gmnc.org/programs/grand-mesa-gliders-kids-program/>

and

<http://www.gmnc.org/programjs/skiis-for-kids/>

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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**Valerie Kortz**

*Nexus Coordinator/TAB Board*

**Debra Trninich**

*YSAP Coordinator/ TAB Board*

## NEW MATCHES

### **One to One**

10-22 Bert Espinoza & Brandon R

10-27 Crystal Moore & Tava G

10-30 Callie West & Destiny N

11/12 Randy White & Tyler W

11/30 Mark Orr & Jacob W.

## NEW MATCHES

### **Art Partners**

9-28 Alice Billings & Angel M

10-24 Rosella Gasha Jennifer M

10/21 Rosella Gasha & Janae K

10-21 Christine Johnson & Hallie B

10-29 Mary Key & Travis W

11-29 Emily Bowman & Katie M

### **Partners Board Members:**

Judy Anderson

Tom Chinn

Ryan Ellington-Finance Chair

Jon Gordon-Chair

MaryAnn Jackson

Lance Michaels

Dan Shaffer

Fred Thomas

Susan Towne-Secretary

Kevin Walters

## Art Partners Win!

Partners is proud of our Art Interns who entered their work in area art shows and won awards from 1st Place, Best of Show to Honorable Mention.

### Edge of Cedars Art Show

Kiana , Yamira

### Montrose County Fair

Baley, Frankie, Kaina, Rebecca B,Rebecca H, Shelby

### Ouray County Arts Association

Christina, Frankie, Kiana, Megan F , Shelby,

### Montrose Visual Arts Guild

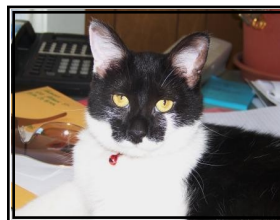
Kaina, Frankie, Rebecca, Shelby, Yamira



## **YSAP**

**Youth Substance Abuse and Prevention** Coalition is a network of Delta County representatives from the public health, human services, schools, law enforcement, and mental health systems. The coalition was formed in an attempt to address the growing substance abuse problems with the youth population in Delta County. Debra Trninich, YSAP coordinator is developing a newsletter to help coordinate the efforts of each agency within the coalition and the community. Eventually the newsletter will have a wider distribution into the community. Debra is also working with the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) to create an underage drinking campaign for middle school children in the tri county area. TAB is a group of junior and senior high school students from each of the high schools in Delta, Montrose, and Ouray. While creating their campaign the TAB members will gather information from the various YSAP coalition members about alcohol and substance abuse. The campaign will be directed to middle school aged children and will have more impact coming from peers within their own communities. Partners welcomes the efforts these two groups add to help make our communities healthier.

## **The Scoop with Mystery the Cat**



I was making my gift list of tuna, sardines, lots of fishes, a sparkly new collar, a soft new pillow when I remembered my brother and sister cats that have no home and no one to pet them and brush their fur. It is the time of year when we need to stop and count our blessings. We could reach out and help those around us who are less fortunate instead of making pages long lists of things we want others to give us. It's a time to think about how to give back. It doesn't cost anything to smile or thank someone who offers us their support and love. We could also show love to those who are different from us. Think about what a difference you can make in your own world by having a positive view towards others. Have a happy holiday and let it spread into 2011. Purrrrr and Peace.

## **Nexus**

We need activity volunteers for our Nexus children. What is Nexus? The Nexus group is made up of girls and boys aged six through seventeen who have been referred by youth serving community agencies. These children are waiting to be matched with a mentor. Currently there are nearly 50 children waiting in the Nexus program. Partners sponsors a monthly recreational activity for these children. This activity keeps the children and their families directly involved in the Partners support system. We need volunteers to help with these monthly activities, which range from going to a movie to sledding. As an activity volunteer you would have the opportunity to interact and enjoy spending a little time with Partners waiting children. If you are interested in becoming an activity volunteer, please contact Partners in Delta at 874-4661 or in Montrose at 249-1116.

# Calendar of Events

## Partnership & Nexus Activities

**Holiday Craft Fair** on **December 11, 2010** at **Delta Partners Activity Room** **GRA**

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Craft Fair at the Delta Partners Office, 511 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St, from 1-4 pm. Partnerships and Nexus Kids are invited to learn how to make gifts to give this year. You will have several gifts made by the time this activity is over. All at no cost!! Snacks will be served. Please call 874-4661 or 249-1116 if you plan to attend. Fun for all.

**Sledding on Grand Mesa**, Saturday, January 15, 2011 from 11am to 1:30 pm. A warm lunch will be served. More information later. Check our web site for details. **GRA**

### Acronyms

**GRA** Group Recreation Activity: *This includes P Partnerships and N Nexus*

**LSA** Life Skills Activity

**CSA** Community Service Activity

**SPO** Senior Partners Only

**N** Nexus Activity

**P** Partnerships

# Happy Birthday

## DECEMBER 2010

12-1 Donna Jackson  
12-2 John W. York  
12-2 Kathleen Ray  
12-2 Fisher P  
12-3 Leonard Johnson  
12-3 Mogli Cooper  
12-4 Thomas Friel  
12-5 Jesse Long  
12-9 Christopher Q  
12-16 Joyce Corley  
12-16 Daniel N  
12-18 Gayle Davidson  
12-18 Crystal Moore  
12-29 Dan David L  
12-31 Laurie Dodd

## JANUARY 2011

1-2 Dakota S  
1-3 Stormie S  
1-4 Patrick Barton  
1-4 Christina Biella  
1-5 Tia C  
1-6 Dakota H  
1-8 Bert Espinoza  
1-8 Valerie Good  
1-9 Miranda T  
1-10 Amiessa Jutten  
1-20 Cindy Johnson  
1-23 Angel H  
1-24 Carol Mabry  
1-24 Rich Durnan  
1-25 Tiana G  
1-25 Megan F  
1-25 Justus S  
1-26 Daniel T  
1-27 Brenden C  
1-30 Ronin D  
1-30 Carter K

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**Page?** [www.facebook.com/partnersmentoring](http://www.facebook.com/partnersmentoring)

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[www.partners-west.org](http://www.partners-west.org)

**The Partners Link**  
**315 S. 7th St**  
**Montrose, CO 81401**



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### Free Art Classes

**Art Partners and The Creamery Arts Center** in Hotchkiss continue to offer free art classes to youth Monday afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The **North Fork Young Artists** have enjoyed working on Pottery, Fused Glass, Paper-craft, and Drawing. In December we will craft **Holiday Cards** and work with **Photo transfers on fabric**. All **Junior Partners and Art Partners** and their friends are invited to come along and **join the buzz**. There will also be a **Christmas Celebration and Gift Wrapping Contest** the week of **December 10<sup>th</sup>**, as well as a visit from **Santa at the Creamery on December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please call the Creamery at **872-4848** for more details or call **Julianne** in the Art Partners office in Delta at **874-4661**.

### 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.

### Partners says Good Bye

Long time friend and mentor to Partners, **Kathi Hansen**, passed away suddenly at the end of September.



Kathi leaves behind her beloved son Clay and many friends and family. Partners is saddened by her passing and has come to some peace recognizing that Kathi is now a mentoring Guardian Angel who watches over us all. She would want all of us to remember our communities by taking care of and loving our kids. Kathi really loved kite flying.. Partners has chosen to dedicate our kite decorating and kite flying event in March 2011 to Kathi.

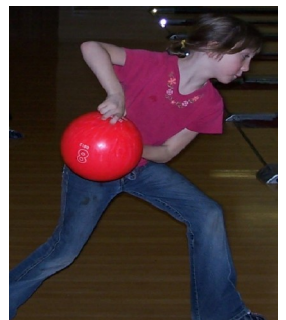
### SuperBowl

Partners get ready for the annual



SuperBowl Tournament on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Valley Lanes in Delta. This is a Scotch Doubles Tournament to celebrate Partnerships of all kinds. Two people bowl as one with the youngest launching the first ball and the older picking up what pins may be left.

This is a fundraising event for Partners and the cost of registration is \$10 per player. Partners will pick up the registration fee for Junior Partners. Check out our web site for more information but mark your calendars now. Youth can win prizes and awards and Partners will provide pizza and drinks.



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 nearly **50** 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!**