

Partners Link

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Know someone who would like to support a child in your community? Ask them to get involved in Partners Mentoring!

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NEW MATCHES

One to One

2-8 Randolph Parker & Robert H
2-14 Denise Seitz & Kelly F
2-17 Kenny Lansdown & Brent B
2-17 Debra Lueck & Kaytlin B
2-25 Cindy Johnson & Eriqua W
2-28 Janie Henderson & Ivy W
3-12 Don Foster & Tristan B
3-24 Hailey Eck & Chantel D
3-28 Jim Allen & Nick E

NEW MATCHES

Art Partners

1-9 Wanda Brunemeier & Grace C
2-16 Tamara Culp & Lauren G
3-2 Meredith Nemirov & Ella W
3-16 Janice Pariza & Brooke D
3-22 Mike Baer & Derreck D
3-31 David Strong & Chase E
4-1 Sherrie Polcyn & Natalie H

Partners Board Members:

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A recent article in the Montrose Daily Press highlighted our need for male volunteers.



There are more than 50 youths in 3 counties that are waiting to be teamed up with adult mentors through the Partners Program. In the Montrose area alone 37 boys wait patiently for male volunteers so they too can benefit from friendship that comes with a "partnership".

Andrea, case manager says, "These boys just need another guy to hang out with. Many don't have father figures and the bulk of them are around 10 years old. They just want to play."

¡Hola Partners!

I want to say thank you to the Partners program leadership for giving me the opportunity to do what I know best - helping kids and families.



In my position as Nexus Coordinator, I look forward to collaborating with different organizations and professionals, working with children who are waiting for a partner, sharing my experience and knowledge, and becoming part of the Partners team.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank those men and women in our communities that choose to become youth mentors and share their talent and time with the young people that need it the most.

My name is Martin Valdez González and, while I have lived in Montrose for a number of years, I'm originally from Acapulco, Mexico. My wife's name is Susan Welk de Valdez, and we have 19-year-old twins named Leah and Ross.

Since returning to Montrose in 2005, I have continuously donated my time and talents to a variety of programs and community activities, as a way to support and become involved in my community. Because of my bilingual skills and deep understanding of Mexican culture, I have had the opportunity to work with a diverse group of children and adults.

I enjoy coaching and playing soccer, golf, fishing, bowling, gardening and travel. My particular passion is cooking, and it probably comes as no surprise that my specialty is Mexican cuisine.

Partners Needs Male Volunteers

"You might not think you have the time, but you do. Everyone can spare 3 hours a week—sacrifice some TV time," said Kenny Lansdown, who 2 months ago decided to join Partners. An avid outdoorsman, Lansdown takes his Junior Partner with him on his adventures.

"It doesn't take that much time out of your schedule. You are going to be out there hiking, fishing or whatever—why not sign up and take someone with you? You might as well have a junior partner with you and have someone to talk to. It's not like you have to go out of your way; you are doing it anyway."

The Senior Partners are not counselors, nor are they meant to replace a parent. They are there to be a friend to the child, give the child the attention they deserve and help them grow into the best person they can be.

Partners helps with organized monthly activities for both Partnerships and for the kids waiting for a Senior Partner.

I look forward to participating in upcoming Partners events, getting to know the staff, our mentors, the children and their families. At the same time, I am excited about educating the community about the Partners program and working to bring new mentors and waiting children together.

Martin Valdez González

Montrose/Delta/Ouray Nexus Coordinator

Partners Radio

AUCTION

Tuesday **April 19**, 2011 7 am to 7 pm

KUBC 580 AM / KKXK 94.1 FM / KBNG 103.7 The Blast. Listen and bid on wonderful and unique items. Check out our web site for item listings. Bid early, bid often and bid high. All money raised stays here for our kids. Thank you to all the merchants who donated to and sponsored this event.

Help Wanted

We are looking for an individual or a partnership or anyone to help us with our newsletter every other month.

Call 249-1116 or send an email to

w4partners@partners-west.org

Visit us on **FACEBOOK**

www.facebook.com/partnersmentoring

Calendar of Events

Partnership & Nexus Activities

Earth Day on Sat. **April 16** at Hillcrest Church 611 South Hillcrest, (corner of Hillcrest and Miami—close to the Star Drive In) Montrose. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Box lunches will be served. We will decorate pots, plant seeds to take home and plant some items in the Community Garden. [For Partnerships and Nexus kids.](#) Call your case manager to let us know you are planning to attend. We want to be sure and have enough food for everyone.



Living History Museum /Mountain Men—Delta Saturday **May 7th, 2011.** 1-4 p.m.

[Partnerships call your case manager for details](#)

Pets and us—Montrose Saturday May 14, 2011 [Nexus kids](#) will receive a postcard with more information.

Happy Birthday

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 Kristen St Jean
3 Carl Wood
3 Sharon Britner
3 Bodie F
3 Timmy W
5 Andrea Gray-Hoover
5 Irene Mattivi
7 T J W
11 Taylor H
11 Cullen K
14 Dennis Doerer
14 Natalie H
15 Kyler L
15 Carol May
16 Desmond M
19 Ivy W
20 Todd Wicklund
21 Jerry Holmes
22 Kathy Conlon
22 Diana Kenney
23 Ron Mabry
24 Hayley G
24 Jennifer M
26 Lucas Sauters
27 Michael P
27 Susan Nieman

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Brandon L
3 David Wasson
3 Tyler W
4 Cameron Quick

MAY BIRTHDAYS

continued

5 Kurt Shepherd
6 Sam I
7 River M
10 Debbie Jean Kitchens
10 Matt S
10 Mike Baer
11 Josh H
12 Cristi Wilson
13 Claudia Wolff
14 Kayla H
14 Lou Ann M
15 Elysa Barron
15 Lauren F
18 Richard Harvey
18 Tyrell C
18 Randy White
18 Willa J
19 Trisha H
21 Kathy Gordon
21 Xavier Q
21 Daniel W
21 Callie West
22 Jacob W
23 Austin B
25 Julianne Johnson
26 Ryan J
26 George Valencia
26 Ella W
27 Rhiannon P
29 Joseph Colwell

Got an Hour? Save a Life!

Partners was given the opportunity to learn QPR March 29th at a well attended Senior Partner Only in Delta. QPR stands for Question, Persuade and Refer, three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. QPR is the most widely taught suicide prevention training program in the United States. Partners will bring it home to all those who were unable to attend with a worksheet that will be mailed out to Partnerships to work on and return to your friendly local case managers during the month of April. QPR is an important lifeskill we all should master.

Looking for something to do—head to the Library!

The Montrose Regional Library has books, magazines, and newspapers—but so much more. Everything is free! At www.montroselibrary.org, you can find the calendar of events, request books from Inter Library Loan, check your library account and renew books, plus check the list of upcoming events. Special speakers give presentations on subjects like Machu Picchu in Peru. e book sales that offer books cheap, movies on DVD and videos, and CD's or tapes of all kinds of music, and tapes and CD's of books—both fiction and nonfiction. You can also listen to a story on the phone at English Story Line: 249-9302 or Línea de cuentos en español: 240-8009.

The Library has computers with internet access to use (with a Library card—which is free to get) you do have to sign up for the computers and there are time limits and filters. The Library even has free computer classes for anyone to learn the skills to keep up!

You can check out books or movies or magazines or play on the computer games in the Children's Section. You can even check out puppets and put on your own puppet show. Or come to a puppet show at the Library or story time or craft time. The Summer Reading program—"One World, Many Stories" is for kids from birth to 11 years old. You sign up at the library starting May 25th and then count the minutes that you read or that someone reads to you (books on tape work too!) Then you get prizes as you complete more and more minutes reading until you read enough to fill up your passport. Then you get a free book! You can sign up anytime but the opening Activity will be Tuesday May 31st with "Indiana Bones", a dramatic storyteller with exciting props and maybe a bit of science hiding as entertainment.

Middle school kids get to sign up for the Summer Teens Reading Program Sign for a summer of reading, prizes and activities. The Library even has an Open Mic for teens and adults. This is for writers of poems and prose and acoustic musicians to read or perform their original pieces -- and those who would like to hear original work. If you can't make it to the Library—the Library come to you in the Book Mobile.

Delta County Library information at www.deltalibraries.org

Important DATES

Thursday May 5, 2011 6:00 p.m.

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner,
program/entertainment.
More information to come.**

April is alcohol Awareness Month get the facts @
www.iaaonline.org/pdf/CO_Underage.pdf

Golf Tournament July 28, 2011

Partners Bike Ride Challenge

September 24 & 25, 2011

The Scoop with Mystery



Dear Mystery,

Summer is coming and there is NOTHING to do. Do you have an idea?

-Bored in PeaGreen

Dear Bored,

Cats never get bored. We nap. If I could read, I would check out your library and find out about all the cool things they offer. In the summer when it is too hot outside to do anything, the library has air conditioning.

Mystery, the Cat

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The Partners Link
315 S. 7th St



Community Shares
Your Check. Your Charity. Your Colorado.

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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