

Partners Link

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September 2010

Amazing things are happening with Partners every month:

August is National Immunization Month <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/default.htm> for more info.

September is National Saving for College Month <http://www.collegesavings.org/collegeSavingsMonth.aspx> 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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NEW MATCHES

One to One

5-31 Joan Kennen & Zoey J
6-17 Debbie Salcedo & T J W
7-31 Kurt Shepherd & Wade S.

NEW MATCHES

Art Partners

6-11 Lael VanRiper & Frankie H
6-22 Janice Pariza & Luna S
6-25 Julie Johnson & Joey L

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Sunflowers

By Amiessa Jutten

Last week I visited with Mikey at his grandmother's house. He was excited to show off his perfect sunflowers! Mikey and several other members of the Partners crew planted flower seeds in their own hand painted pots at our April Earth Day event. When they got too big for the tiny pot, Mikey transplanted his sunflowers into the ground in his grandmother's front yard. They are now almost as tall as he is, and they are going to be blooming beautifully in no time!

David Williams has been Partners with Mikey for seven months now. They have a great time coming to our Partnership activities! So far, they have joined us for fishing at Huck Finn Day, rafting on the Gunnison, building and flying kites, planting a tree in the park for Earth Day, bowling in Delta, and sledding on Grand Mesa. They enjoy trying a variety of activities, rather than doing the same thing each time they hang out. In addition to taking advantage of our variety of monthly Partnership activities, David and Mikey have also enjoyed snowshoeing, swimming, and playing at the carnival. They often bring along David's fuzzy brown dog, Ralphie, who is always a big hit with the Partners youngsters.

We are always excited to see the smiling duo at our activities.

Mikey enjoys spending time with David because he is "happy, funny and friendly." David finds the Partnership rewarding. He is excited that Mikey is willing to try different activities and experience new things. Just like Mikey's sunflowers, his Partnership with David continues to grow.

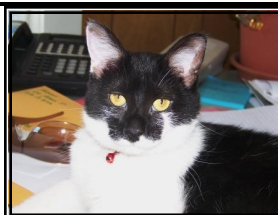


ON THE RIVER with Elizabeth Giles, TAB

Rafting with Partners was a very fun experience. I would like to do it again and I would like to volunteer again when next years trip comes around. I had been white water rafting before but I never had done anything like this. The river and landscape around it was beautiful. Meeting all of the Nexus kids was also very fun, they were a great group of kids to spend a day with. It was fun getting to know them and I enjoyed spending time with the younger ones helping them catch tadpoles at the waterfall we stopped at. It was a very exciting day and I hope to do it again next year.



The Scoop with Mystery the Cat



Wow! I must of have been having too much fun catching mice this summer cause the time has sped by and it's almost time for SCHOOL. I am sure you kids all feel the same way about where summer has gone. But now is the time to start preparing yourself mentally and physically for school. Probably the best thing you can do for yourself is start going to bed a little bit earlier in the evenings and get up earlier in the mornings. This will help you be physically ready for school and more mentally prepared to use your brain power on school work this fall. So, get ready and get started on a great new school year.

Mystery the Partners Cat, on the job 24/7

Talk Often, Talk Early

The Teen Advisory Board takes on a new cause with Teen Alcohol Abuse Prevention. Here are a few things you can do to help the young people in your life.

Between the ages of 9 and 13, children start to think differently about alcohol. Many children begin to think underage drinking is OK and some even start to experiment. It's never too early to talk to your children about alcohol, and encourage them to talk with you.

Over 70% of children say parents are the leading influence in their decision to drink or not. As children approach their teen years, they begin to experience many emotional and physical changes – changes that are not always easy. During this challenging and confusing time, even good children may experiment with alcohol. For most children, it's not just one thing that influences them to drink, but a combination of factors. For more information go to www.underageddrinking.samhsa.gov

Calendar of Events

Please RSVP for all activities

Partnership & Nexus Activities

Saturday, August 14th 1:00-3:00 PM

Mini Golf at Delta Family Fun Park (P)

Thursday, August 19th 10 AM-1:00 PM

Kayaking at Ridgway State Park. Children 12 and older only. Expect a postcard with further details! **Additional waivers are needed.**

Saturday, August 21st Youth Appreciation Day in Montrose (N and BC) More information to follow.

Saturday September 11th Air-show at Montrose Regional Airport (GRA) **Additional Waivers needed. Talk to your case manager!!**

Thursday, September 16th (SPO) 6-8:00 PM at Partners Delta Office, Dinner and presentation: "How Mentors Can Help With Schoolwork" John St. George, Speaker

Reserve your place. Please call 874-4661 by 9-15.

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

RSVP = Tell your case manager if you are or are not planning to come to an event

PARTNERS BIKE RIDE CHALLENGE

September 25th and 26th, 2010

It is that time of year again and we are gearing up for another scenic fun filled weekend of bikes, food and fun!

Day 1 Cerro Summit over Owl Creek Pass to Ouray.

Day 2 Ouray over Log Hill to River Road to Montrose

If you have not already registered, the deadline is approaching. Registration deadline is August 31, 2010.

Don't miss out on this beautiful ride for a great cause!

Register at www.partners-west.org or call: 970-249-1116



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 90 friends now, and we'd like to add you to the list.

Team Effort Big O and Partners Don't forget! Save Money, Get Tires, Help Partners provide better services to our Partnerships! Call for more details. The Delta office at 511 E 10th St (874-4661) or the Montrose office at 315 South Seventh Street (249-1116). Take advantage of this **generous offer.**

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

If you use a **City Market Value card**, a percentage of all of your purchases will 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

August is National Immunization Month

Why are immunizations important?

Immunization is one of the most significant public health achievements of the 20th century. Vaccines have eradicated smallpox, eliminated wild polio virus in the United States. and significantly reduced the number of cases of measles, diphtheria, rubella, pertussis and other diseases. But despite these efforts, people in the U.S. still die from these and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

Vaccines offer safe and effective protection from infectious diseases. By staying up-to-date on the recommended vaccines, individuals can protect themselves, their families and friends and their communities from serious, life-threatening infections.

College Savings Month

The College Savings Plans Network has been joined by more than 40 states in declaring September "College Savings Month". Section 529 plans make it easy and affordable for the average family to plan ahead for the cost of college attendance and are available in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Across the nation, many activities are held during September to recognize the importance of saving for college.

Did You Know? High school graduates are more likely to go on to college today than in the past. Sixty-three percent of the year 2000 high school graduates had enrolled in college by the following fall, up from 52 percent of the class of 1970. (US Bureau of Labor Statistics)

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 children waiting for a strong adult presence.

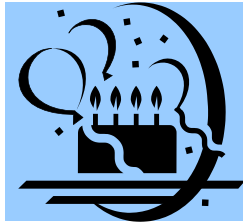
Recommend a friend to be a Senior Partner and change the life of a child. Thank You for all you do!

Keep spreading the word!

Happy Birthday

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8-1 Leah R
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- 8-1 Jonathan S
- 8-4 John Randolph
- 8-5 Manuel D
- 8-6 Noah D
- 8-6 Raven M
- 8-7 Tyler C
- 8-7 Phebe M
- 8-7 Janice Pariza
- 8-8 Tina McNew
- 8-9 Tom Conlon
- 8-10 Matthew G
- 8-12 Bob Benitez
- 8-12 Becky H
- 8-17 Tava G
- 8-19 Melanie Roberts
- 8-21 Jennifer Nichols
- 8-21 Sarena P
- 8-22 Rebekah P
- 8-27 T J E
- 8-28 Alexa E



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9-1 Angel G
- 9-2 Christina H
- 9-5 Owen Dean T
- 9-6 Grace C
- 9-6 Rose Walsh
- 9-8 Tressa H
- 9-9 Suzette Owen
- 9-10 Aaron W
- 9-11 Lael Van Riper
- 9-16 Marsha Cierpik
- 9-16 David A Lee
- 9-17 Aranda L
- 9-18 Rosella Grasha
- 9-19 Diamond M
- 9-21 Isaac F
- 9-23 Daniel Trujillo
- 9-24 Robyn Funk

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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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