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*A Nonprofit Youth Mentoring Organization*

## Partner's Jam

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### *January 2012 Activities*

#### Daytime Winter Fun-Fest!

Crested Butte Nordic Center —sledding & cross country skiing.



**Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12pm!**

CB Nordic Center located at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Whiterock in downtown Crested Butte. XC skis, boots and poles are available to rent (free of charge to you and your JP). We will provide hot chocolate and snacks, be sure to dress warm and RSVP is a must! 641-5513

#### **Movie Night: Kung Fu Panda II**

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at Partners from 5:15 – 7:00 pm. Popcorn, lemonade and a great movie!

#### Senior Partner Training:

Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup> at Partners from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Senior Partners will be introduced to the new Self-Leadership Program that will be rolled out in 2012! Learn the six domains for success and how to incorporate Self-Leadership while having a blast with your partner.

#### New Matches and Anniversaries!

##### **Welcome New Community Based Matches!**

*Tyler Hammer and Deacon*

*David Smith and Alan*

##### **Congratulations--Anniversaries!**

*Billy Loring and Sam*

*Elena Oster and Kenia*

*Ben Hake and Dillon*

*Margaret Wacker and Yudit*

##### **New School Based Matches!**

*Maria Osborne and Desta*

*Cody Banks and Kody*

*Natalie Kuenzi and Aria*

*Patricia Larsen and Quincy*

## Mentor of the Year-2011!



### **Billy Loring & Sam!**

Billy and Sam are celebrating the anniversary of their first official year as Partners this month, however, they had their own bond long before we nabbed them! Billy and Sam have known one another for several years, and Billy has been a consistent role model and friend to Sam since his dad had to move a couple of years ago. Though Partners only asks that Junior and Senior Partners spend at least 3 hours per week together, these guys spend way more time than that skiing and snowboarding in the winter, dirt biking in the summer, and most importantly just hanging out together. Billy helps Sam get the gear he needs for the activities he loves, and Sam takes care of Billy's dog when he is out of town. These two are true friends who care about each other and look forward to time together. We know that they will always be a part of each other's lives.

### **Evan Oglevie & Chance!**

Evan and Chance were matched in February of 2010. They are this year's Partnership of the year because of their incredible commitment, consistency, and creativity. These two enjoy just about every group activity we have and they consistently get together to have fun. When we met for their Year End review they immediately decided to move into Level II Status--renewing their commitment for another year. They are nearing the end of their second year together as Partners and their relationship is stronger than ever. Evan and Chance, thank you for the commitment to being Partners!



## Mentor of the Year-2011!

## January is National Mentoring Month!



In 2011, Partners supported 200 mentoring matches, thanks to you! Volunteers have contributed over 10,000 hours of their time in 2011 to help young people succeed – in school, at home and in life!

Through regular, caring interaction with their Senior Partners, Junior Partners report better grades in school, less alcohol and other drug use, less delinquent behavior, and greater attachment to adults. Our youth report a healthier perspective on their values and priorities, thanks to volunteers in this community.

An investment in Partners is an investment in young people and in the Gunnison Valley as a whole. Our ability to effectively serve over 200 mentoring Partnerships is directly tied to the level of support that we receive from this community.

In honor of National Mentoring Month, would you consider a gift to Partners of \$25.00 or more? It is easier than ever to make a donation. You can mail a check.

You can visit our website at [www.gunnisonmentors.com](http://www.gunnisonmentors.com) You can fill out a pledge form attached to this newsletter, and we will contact you about your donation.

### *Support Gunnison Country Partners & Local Businesses at the same time!*

In honor of National Mentoring Month there are businesses in both Gunnison and Crested Butte who will be giving back a portion of their January proceeds to Partners. So far, local businesses include:

**Maxwells**  
**Ol' Miner Steakhouse**  
**The Sunflower Deli**  
**Mocha's**  
**The Palisades Restaurant**

We will update the list via email as it increases!



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