

Lincoln Self Reliance January 2023

Shirley Deason

Being a caregiver takes a lot of heart, patience, and dedication. We want to congratulate and thank Shirley for putting in 20 years with LSR. Shirley started in 2002 for the company she has been the Diamondville/Kemmerer Program Manager for 12 years now. Shirley is the type of person who leaves you better than they found you, which is one of the greatest qualities a Manager can have. She puts her heart into her team and participants. Not only does her direct team appreciate Shirley but every person who has ever got to do anything with Shirley has an amazing time, she is so fun, and full of life! When we have traveled to DD conference the Afton participants always ask first, "IS SHIRLEY COMING?"



Kemmerer Super Client



I would like to introduce you to Scott Harris!

Scott is a very social person and enjoys being with others.

Scott loves to sit outside in the summer as well as sitting in the sprinklers.

Scott loves watching TV and is sure to let staff know his favorite shows or when he wants it changed.

Scott loves it when he gets to have one on one time with his favorite staff, Lana.

Kemmerer Super Staff



I would like to high light Svitlana Holm!

She has been with LSR for Two (2)years.

She loves spending time with her family and going to see her grandkids.

Svitlana has come a long way, when she first started to work for LSR she could not speak English. She used a translator to communicate with her co-workers and clients. She has taken English classes to help her, and is able to use English to verbally communicate. We are so proud of you Lana J and are so excited to see your growth within the company and within yourself!

Sherry Skinner

October, November, December Years Of Services

One Year:

Kristi Blakeman (Evanston,
DSP)

Bruce Plott (Evanston,
Maintenance)

Two Years:

Kimberly Holt (Thayne, LDSP)

Three Years:

Joanne Risedorf (Thayne, DSP)

Five Years:

Allen Fiack (Evanston, LDSP)

Amber Rodgers (Evanston,
DSP)

Kayla Grisamer (Afton, LDSP)

Seven Years:

Gaylen Koyle (Evanston, DSP)

Twenty Years:

Shirley Deason (Diamondville
Program Manager)



If you have been into the Thrift Store in the last couple months you may have noticed some huge changes taking place. Sherry Skinner has stepped into the Managers position and has really ran with it. The LSR Thrift Store has always been praised on its “Mary-Poppins” quality you can always go in and come out with something unique or items that you didn't know if you would be able to find in the valley!

Sherry and her team work hard to make sure there are good quality items for sale. Sherry researches and prices things in accordance to the product itself! Not only is the Thrift Store a hidden gem to Star Valley, but the proceeds they make are also a gem to the participants served at LSR; the money the Thrift Store makes goes into client activities, helping to cover costs so all participants can enjoy outings/trips!

Thank you to all the community members who donate items and purchase items.

A huge thank you to Sherry Skinner The keeper of the gem!!

You are making a difference!

Tyson Ortman



He is a participant served in our Afton Location. Tyson is so much fun, he enjoys movies, the computer, music, and joking around. He is an amazing bowler! Tyson lives life by the old western cowboy days; he opens the door for the ladies, greets others with a firm handshake, and will even tip his hat as a form of see you later! Tyson has the most incredible memory and can recite any movie from beginning to end, he will even assign his peers, and loved ones a role in the movie and recite the movie as if it is them speaking it!

Cynthia Genini



Cynthia has been with the Afton program for four (4) years. She is a wonderful individual with so much heart. Cynthia has a great connection with each of the clients and truly strives to enhance each of their daily lives. Outside of work she loves to hang out with her friends, family, and dog. We are so lucky to have such an amazing well rounded person on our team.



Afton and Thayne Went To Salt Lake City, Utah
Boo Lights

Lack of Funding Exists to Provide Care for Wyoming's Most Vulnerable Residents

In Wyoming, we are currently facing a huge hurdle when it comes to providing care for residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There is a huge lack of funding for direct support professionals that serve this vulnerable population – we need our state government and legislators to commit to providing increased funding for this program. Without an increase in funding, the programs and the work done by direct support providers will eventually cease to exist, leaving Wyoming residents without necessary and vital care. Currently in the state of Wyoming, direct support professionals serve 2,509 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This program, like many others alike, struggles to find adequate funding to hire and pay their essential workforce. Some have as few as zero days of available cash on hand, meaning without funding they simply cannot stay open. Without appropriate reimbursements and additional funding to pay for the costs of these services, the work done by Wyoming Community Service Providers could close, leaving thousands of Wyoming's most vulnerable citizens at risk. Don't let that happen. Let's fund the cost.

Connie Eggleston



She is a participant served in our Thayne location. Connie loves coloring, cooking, and organizing. She is always the first to step up and notice someone needs help. Connie is a great friend and really strives to make everyone feel happy and appreciated! Connie holds a job doing Janitorial work for the Thayne community center. She lives in the residential home with her husband and just seems to always be enjoying life to the fullest.

Jonah Simmons



Is an employee in our Thayne program. Jonah has worked for Lincoln Self Reliance at different times over the past ten (10) years. He is dedicated, hard working, and a joy to be around. Outside of work he enjoys spending time with his family and doing work with computers. We are happy to have Jonah on our team as he brings a lot of historical knowledge.

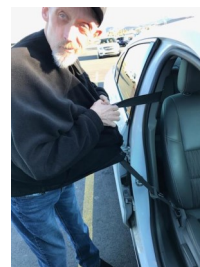
Obituary

Allen G. Luce, age 54, passed away December 12, 2022 at Evanston Regional Hospital in Evanston, WY. He was born on April 2, 1968, in Kemmerer, WY.

Allen grew-up in Kemmerer and spent much time with his Grandparents and Auntie in Frontier, WY. As a child he loved spending time outdoors playing in the dirt. He loved camping, spending time with family, and all the family pets while growing-up; especially his cat Tommy. He resided in Evanston, WY the last several years at Lincoln Self Reliance residential habilitation facility. Allen thrived living at LSR and formed close bonds with his Direct Care Staff: Dani, Kris, and Matt. He enjoyed the community outing and won several achievement awards.

Allen is survived by his sister Heather Britain of Riverton, WY; niece Britney Klippert of Knoxville, TN; stepfather Russ Point of Rockpoint, TX and uncle Abby (Charlene) Schaechterle of Lake City, MN. He is also survived by several cousins.

Allen is preceded in death by his mother Judith Point, grandparents Albert & Sophie Schaechterle, aunt Katherine Smith and uncle Gene (Sylvia) Schaechterle.



Afton and Thayne Awards Banquet

It was so wonderful to be able to hold an awards banquet with the community again this year. We spent a couple hours enjoying friends, family, and food while also honoring participants for their many accomplishments, staff longevity, and to thank our community for their continued support

This years theme was "Thankful For You," they served ham, potatoes, carrots, and pineapple upside down cakes.

The participants did an American Sign Language performance led by Afton DSP, Liz Rieb to the Golden Girls Theme Song.

Our Community Award this year went to Shelly Balls with Cent\$ible Nutrition. She has been working with our programs in Afton and Thayne for the past five (5) years teaching them about healthy food options, budgeting, and cooking tasty treats. Shelly has been a great asset to our program and we greatly appreciate her time and knowledge.

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Mission Statement: It is our mission to provide training and support to the individuals with disabilities so they may achieve maximum potential for self-reliance and achieve participation in the community.

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