

# Lincoln Self Reliance Review January 2021



Annette Eggleston celebrates TWENTY years with Lincoln Self Reliance! In 2000 Annette received an opportunity to help bring life to a life long dream of helping others. Previously she had owned/ran restaurants, was a foster parent and also worked in the schools assisting children with special needs, it was clearly in Annette's life journey to help others. She had a dream of families being able to be closer to their loved ones with disabilities. By helping to build LSR from the bottom to the top she was able to not only help achieve this in Star Valley, but soon followed Kemmerer, and then **Evanston. Aside from getting the entire dream going Evanston was Annette's next biggest hurdle.** She was asked to go down there and get the program up and running, this meant leaving her husband in Star Valley Monday-Friday while she lived in Evanston and then traveling home on the weekends! Annette did this for several years until finally she was able to get back in to the Afton office, that was a true blessing as she was happy to be home! Currently Annette works in the Thayne location as their Program Manager, but I think it is very safe to say with out her countless hours, sleepless nights, and dedicated heart, LSR would not be what it is today!

Annette loves to travel by motorcycle with her husband of 34years; she loves to search far and wide for lighthouses, enjoys going back to California to see her dad, and exploring the history and scenery of the world.

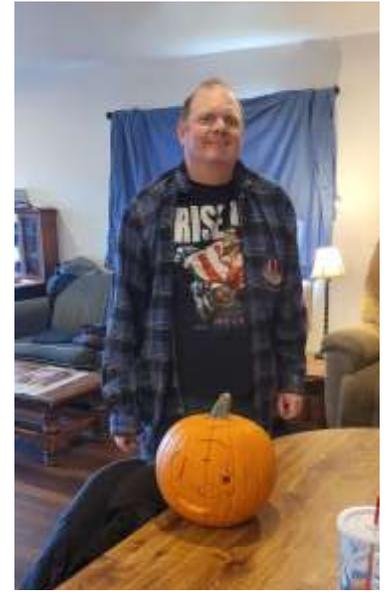
She has three children and her biggest most prized loves in her life are her 13 grandchildren! She **makes an effort to see each and every one of them as much as possible! If you're ever sitting with Annette, her phone goes off and you see a huge smile spring on her face its probably because one of those grandbabies are face timing her!**

LSR would just like to extend a huge thank you to Annette for all the time and love she put into LSR! Also, a big thank you to her family who sacrificed much of their time with her so that she could make her dream a reality for so many of us.





John Hancock, an Evanston Home, managed by Dani Blakemen spent some time this October carving out pumpkins



### ALOHA

Afton And Thayne Celebrate 20 Years With A Hawaiian Luau Luncheon and Awards Celebration



Christmas In Afton

*Like snowflakes, the human pattern is never cast twice. We are uncommonly and marvelously intricate in thought and action.*

*-Alice Childress*



Gian came to work for LSR September 2020. Although he has only been here a very short time he has made a huge impact on the clients of Oakwood, our residential home in Afton. He is laid back, fun, hard working, reliable, and often a staff the clients request!  
Gian not only does great with the clients but he does very well with his co-workers as well.

He is often smiling and brings a sense of calmness and happiness to anyone he encounters!



Brady is the older of the two brothers we get the pleasure of serving in our Afton Day Hab. He is a very calm, go with the flow, smiley guy! Brady enjoys moving at his own pace and just taking in the sights. Very rarely will he join us in doing a group activity, but you can guarantee he will look over your shoulder, observe then go on with his monitoring duties! He LOVES his mom and prefers her over almost anyone else at all times, he hears her voice and his eyes just light up!

Robert, the younger brother, is almost the exact opposite of his older brother, he is full of noise making, energy, dancing and smiles! Robert also doesn't enjoy joining in group activities nor does he check in on us because he is too busy climbing to the

highest point available and practicing his balancing act, he is always sure to keep us on our toes! He LOVES getting piggy back rides from his dad and laying on the warm asphalt soaking up the sun!

It is such a pleasure working with these brothers, they are sure to put a smile on your face, and lighten up your heart!



Photographed: Brandi, Angie, Kami, Logann, Nina

Brandi Rodgers, came to work in the Thrift Store in May 2020; she loves working as a team and interacting with the clients. Brandi was soon promoted to Thrift Store Manager and now oversees her three (3) additional team members; making sure their needs as well as those of the community are met! When asked what her favorite part of working in the store was, she replied, **“Seeing all the neat, fun, and exciting items that come in!”** Brandi has a great attitude and always works with a smile on her face!

## COVID-19 AND LINCOLN SLEF RELIANCE

- In April 2020, lives, routines, and policies began changing across the world but how did it affect Lincoln Self Reliance?
- Darrel Skinner (Executive Director) has been following this worldwide pandemic very closely. It seems each day he is sending out new information and things we needed to implement into our programs.
- The very first was quarantining our residential clients away from our day service clients. Some of the programs didn't have any clients coming into day services at all while others still had families that needed those services so they were provided!
- Shortly to follow was the scramble to make masks; we were getting help from community members and staff were also sewing up approximately 20 masks per day! All staff are being required to wear masks, and clients were being advised to! We were able to make and obtain a sufficient amount of masks needed for all of our locations!
- LSR also worked with many other community agencies to get access to PPE so if or when we need it we have it available!
- We were fortunate in our smaller areas, and with the staff diligence to not be slammed with multiple positive Covid tests from the jump; around Memorial day we had our first staff positives. It wasn't until October that we had some of our clients test positive as well!
- From those very first positives (staff and clients) we have been extremely lucky everyone has recovered well and have been able to get back to their new normal routines!
- Lincoln Self Reliance started survey testing our staff in December 2020, each location is testing half their staff every week and we have been fortunate to catch one positive staff before excessive exposure happened using the VAULT testing system!
- On December 31, 2020, Lincoln Self Reliance and the Lincoln County Public Health held a Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic, for the Thayne and Afton residential homes, as well as all staff. We had approximately 15 staff and clients that participated.
- Uinta County is in the works of getting their Vaccine Clinic up and going for all of their staff and clients !
- LSR is pleased to say we are doing our part in trying to keep our staff and those in our care happy, healthy, and safe.



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### One Year

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**Arnel Hower (Evanston, DSP)**

### Two Years

**Jessica Bagley (Afton, DSP)**

**Savannah Burk (Afton, DSP)**

### Three Years

**Kayla Grisamer (Afton, Office)**

**Amber Rogers (Evanston, DSP)**

**Allen Fiack (Evanston, DSP)**

**Rosalba Mendez (Evanston, DSP)**

### Four Years

**Krystal Williams (Evanston, DSP)**

### Five Years

**Gaylen Koyle (Evanston, DSP)**

### Eighteen Years

**Shirley Deason (Diamondville Program Manager)**

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