

Lincoln Self Reliance April 2024 Review

Shout out to the Afton Administrative Assistants. They keep things running behind the scenes.

Let me introduce you to them.



Austin Nalley came to work for LSR in August of 2020. He started out as a DSP, providing Direct Support to our participants in the Afton location. In January of 2022 he moved over to the Administrative Assistant department. He takes care of Client financials, Account Payables and helps out with our on-line library system. Austin has an amazing sense of humor. He is very kind and always thinks of others feelings. He strives to do the best job that he can everyday. He shares stories about being a dad and how much he loves his son and wife. We really appreciate Austin here at LSR. I am glad to have him on my team.

Ashely Lewis started work here at LSR in February of 2022. She learned her tasks of being an Administrative Assistant extremely fast. She is in charge of Client billing and Accounts Receivable, along with other duties. Ashely has a gift for paying a special eye for detail when it comes to her job. Many of us go to her for help, because she just “gets it”. Ashely is a very bright human. Ashely is also funny, cracking jokes around her team, getting us rolling. Ashely is a lover of dogs. Her dogs are her pride and joy. She has pictures of them all over her office for all to see. We are so glad she joined the LSR team!



-Kallie Bennion , Senior Admin Assistant

About WyoGives

WyoGives - an initiative of the Wyoming Nonprofit Network – is a powerful, statewide 24-hour online fundraising event that is designed to bring the state together as one community to raise money and awareness for Wyoming’s nonprofits.

WyoGives.org provides one, easy-to-use platform where individuals can search and donate to Wyoming nonprofits that are making a difference in our communities every day. In 2023, with the \$1 million match from the Hughes Charitable Foundation and other generous matching funds, WyoGives raised over \$4 million!

The 5th annual WyoGives is Wednesday, July 10, 2024. This is Wyoming's Statehood Day!

LSR will be participating in WyoGives for our second consecutive year. We encourage friends, families, and other stakeholders to consider making a donation to LSR on this day through the WyoGives.com website. Funding donations made to LSR through the WyoGives.com website on July 10, 2024, may be eligible for matching funds through various foundations across Wyoming.

Alpine Melvin Brewing Fundraiser

Where: 624 Co Rd 101, Alpine, WY 83128

When: April 22-28

Buy one appetizer normal price get second appetizer for \$2.
LSR receives the \$2 on the second appetizer.

Upcoming Events

- **April 11** Special O Area Games Rocksprings
- **April 22-28** Melvin Brewing Fundraiser
- **April 23** LSR Board Meeting
- **May 3-4** Special O State Games Gillette (Evanston)
- **June 22** Evanston Dance
- **June 27** LSR Glow Party Dance
- **July 11** WyoGives Day



Evanston Lincoln Self Reliance would like to show appreciation for;

Amy Fox started working at the Evanston Lincoln Self Reliance in August of 2023. Amy started out at our Champs location working the graveyard shift. Amy has shared with the program manager that when she first started going through training that she was a little nervous and did not know if this type of job was for her. After the first 2 weeks of working with the clients and caring for them, Amy then realized however that this is exactly where she wanted and needed to be. Since then Amy has moved from the graveyard shift to working in the LSR Supported Services department. Working in the Supported Services department means that Amy must multi task all the time, be ready for just about any changes in scheduling or which clients she will be working with at a moment's notice.

Amy has done amazing with figuring out how to work with each client and their personalities, she spends a large amount of her time interacting with the community in Evanston while also advocating for the clients while they are out in the community. Amy works to help out her co-workers when they need assistance, she strives to take on new activities and goals with the clients so they can become as independent as possible. The Evanston LSR appreciates everything she has done in her time working here.

Dani Blakeman
Evanston Program Manager



Evanston Lincoln Self Reliance would like to show appreciation for;

Sharon Wagstaff is a Lead Direct Support Professional at the LSR Aspen location. Sharon has been with Evanston LSR for 10 years and has been caring for adults with disabilities for 20 plus years. Sharon is an invaluable member of the Evanston team, she works hard to make sure the clients are cared for above and beyond what is expected. Sharon is an exemplary member of LSR. She has been with LSR when things have been hard and staffing was low and she has helped train many of our successful staff members. Sharon is a 'go-to' staff member when it comes to anything client related, Sharon can usually figure out how to assist with any situation or just be there for someone to talk to when life gets tough. Anyone that knows Sharon, likes Sharon. She is an amazing person and cares for so many people. Evanston Lincoln Self Reliance is a better place because someone like Sharon works here, we appreciate her more than we could ever show her.

Dani Blakeman
Evanston Program Manager



**Evanston LSR participant, Dakota Winn
Evanston High School Prom Queen
March 16, 2024**

Third Quarter Years Of Service

One Year

- Tina Myles (Thayne DSP)
- Hannah Christie (Afton DSP)
- Esmeralda Ibarra (Evanston DSP)
- Emily Hovivian (Evanston DSP)
- Jennifer Janway (Evanston DSP)
- Audrey Jessen (Evanston DSP)
- Dakota Hansen (Evanston LDSP)

Two Years

- Becky Beaudette (Afton DSP)
- Steven Brittain (Afton DSP)
- Roberta Grisamer (Afton DSP)
- Ashley Lewis (Afton Office Admin)

Three Years

- Cynthia Sharpe (Diamondvill, DSP)

Six Years

- Cynthia Genini (Afton DSP)

Nine Years

- Macii Bahls (Diamondvill, LDSP)

The participants in the Diamondville office thought it would be fun to share one of their favorite recipe that they love to cook with you.

Flaky Biscuits Pizza

Ingredients:

- 1- Can of refrigerated Pillsbury grand flaky biscuits (8 count)
- 1- Cup pizza sauce
- 2- Cup mozzarella cheese
- Your favorite pizza toppings

Instructions:

- Press each biscuit into 6 inch round circle
- Add pizza sauce on each biscuit
- Add cheese
- Add your favorite toppings
- Bake at 375 for 10 to 15 minutes or until bottom is golden brown.





Jonah Simmons has worked as a DSP in our Thayne location for a year and a half. Jonah has worked at LSR many different times under different program managers. He has great knowledge of the Thayne participants and guardians bringing a wide range of information to myself and the other staff. Jonah enjoys spending time with his family and fishing. As Jonah's program manager I would like to thank him for his longevity, his consistency, and his willingness to always step into whatever roll I need him to fulfill!



Ismael is our newest participant in the Thayne program, he started coming to LSR in August 2023. Ismael is an extremely fun individual. He loves to joke/tease with his staff and peers! You can often find Ismael with a huge smile on his face as he follows along to dance videos on his phone, he has some great hip-hop move's! Ismael participates in our summer therapeutic riding up at C-V Ranches in Jackson. He is a lover of animals and really seems to thrive on the back of a horse.



Brady and Robert Smith, are two of our long term Afton participants and brothers!



Brady enjoys people watching and joking with his peers by sitting on them.



Robert likes to climb and interact with staff in a variety of "games".

Brady and Robert have the best brother relationship; they pick on each other, and often have silent conversations and bust up laughing together!



Travis Wileman has been a DSP with LSR for 9-months, he started out in our Thayne location, and has since started cross training into the Afton location. Travis is such a cool, calm, and collected member of our team. He has been great to step up when needed! Travis enjoys being outdoors, hiking, and spending time with his dog. As Travis's program manager I would like to thank him for bringing such a fresh and calm perspective into the work environment. It has been fun to watch you learn a new career and I am excited to see where you go in the years to come!

Meet Our Thrift Store Employees



Sherry
Manager



Jamilee
Assistant Manager



Joy
Sales Associate



Tammy
Sales Associate



Corinne
Sales Associate

The LSR Thrift Store (in Afton) has been a great asset for LSR. Here we get to serve our clients by making money to contribute to their programs, and also serve our community by recycling needed clothing, furniture, housewares, videos.... Hey! You name it and we probably got it! Don't believe us? Come and see for yourself! We have two floors as well as two new large sheds out back to accommodate more donations, be sure to check them out! If you cannot find something ask one of the Thrift Store Employees for assistance as it might be there. We are continuously getting donations so there is always new merchandise for our customers! We would like to thank the community for making us your donation location and the Thrift Store employees for their time and dedication in making sure good items are being placed on our shelves!



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Thrift Store

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Monday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm

Saturdays 10:00am-2:00pm

Sundays Closed

Mission Statement

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

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