

Area Happenings – Gamble Street Apartments



The first residents moved into GSA in February 1981. In 1995, a renovation took place to enclose the center atrium and turn it into a whirlpool room. In 1999, a double garage was added.

Recently, a gazebo and water fountain was added to the lawn. Presently there are six women and six men living at GSA. Eight full time staff, thirteen part time staff and one nurse are employed there.

Recent events:

Camping, Skyforce and Pheasants games, zoo and museum visits.

Future events:

New flooring, fresh paint, and more fun summer activities!

Comments about what people like about living there:

"Bedrooms are decorated with a personal touch."

"The whirlpool."

"Good meals."

"Staff goes the extra mile to keep me happy, safe, and healthy."

"The staff is crazy and it's fun to tease them."

Comments by staff on why they like working there:

"It is fun to get to know peoples' likes/dislikes and languages."

"Surprises abound, and definitely not boring."

"Teamwork, especially in a pinch....everyone comes together."

"I feel needed, appreciated and trusted by people **and** their families."

"The small rewards we get from the people – it goes a long way."

"Becoming part of the family in a short amount of time."

Meet a Supervisor!



Jeana Daley
Supervisor
Wheatridge Apartments

Jeana Daley has been employed at LifeQuest for 4 ½ years. She's also been a DSP, Lead DSP and Assistant Service Coordinator.

Jeana attended Ethan High School and the organizations that she was involved in were FCCLA President, FCA and Girls State. Jeana was previously employed at McDonalds, Agland Coop, Culvers, and Firesteel Health Care Center. Jeana currently lives in Mitchell but has also lived in Sioux Falls and Ethan. The birth of her four children have been her most memorable events. Jeana loves to color and believes you always have to look for the positive in every situation – especially the tough/challenging ones.

Favorites include:

Food – Chicken Fajitas

Movie – "Sweet Home Alabama" & the Twilight Saga

Song/Band – Currently "Breathe" by Ryan Star

TV Show – 7th Heaven

Hobbies – Making Personalized Crafts

Collections – Care Bears

Pet Peeve – People who don't follow through.

Favorite Vacation Spot – Anywhere on the Beach

Jeana's children have had the most influence on her life and her most prized possessions are her scrapbooks. One thing that Jeana would like to experience in life yet, would be to go sky diving.

Meet a DSP!



Cheryl Eichman
Direct Support Professional
Gamble Street House

Cheryl Eichman has been at LifeQuest for nine years and currently works as a Direct Support Professional at Gamble Street. She has also worked in the Vocational Program.

Born in San Diego, she's lived in Arizona and Nevada before coming to Mitchell in 1994 with her husband Mark.

Favorites:

Food – Tacos and French Fries

Movie – Anything with Steven Segal or Sandra Bullock

Color – Blue

Song – Anything by Cher! Journey and Barry Manilow.

TV Show – NCIS and Grey's Anatomy

Vacation Spot – Hawaii

Cheryl's hobbies include bowling, taking walks, drives in the country with my husband and dogs, hanging out with the family. Her most memorable moments are the birth of her two children Tod and Ashley.

Her pet peeves include lazy people, bad drivers and phony people. The people who have had the most influence on her life are her Mom and Dad, and her most prized possession is her father's saddle, in addition to her collection of frogs.

Meet a DSP!



Kathy Pickner **Direct Support Professional** **Vocational Program**

Kathy has been a Vocational DSP with LifeQuest for almost 13 years and prior to that, served as a Residential DSP at East Elm. Previously, she worked at Al's

Oasis, Inc. Kathy received her degree in Business from Dakota Wesleyan University and also received an Accounting degree from Mitchell Technical Institute. She lived in the Las Vegas, NV, Chamberlain, Custer, Emery and Mitchell, SD areas but notes that her favorite vacationing spots are in California and the Black Hills areas.

Favorites:

Food – Japanese, Mexican and Italian

Movie – any “chick flicks”

Color – emerald green

Song/Band – Fleetwood Mac

TV Show – “Friends”

Hobbies – fishing, gardening and water skiing

Pet Peeve – now having to wear glasses

Kathy says that her mother had the greatest influence on her life and states that her most prized possession is her Great Grandmother's china from Germany. She says that her most memorable event was “becoming a Grandma” and that she enjoys collecting coins and shot glasses. The one thing in life that Kathy would like to experience, but hasn't done yet, is to go on a cruise.



DID YOU KNOW?

Belle Fourche is the geographical center of the United States of America, designated in 1959 and noted by an official marker and sheepherder's monument called a "Stone Johnnie".

Woonsocket is known as The Town with the Beautiful Lake. Lake Prior sits in the middle of town.

Harney Peak, at 7,242 above sea level, is the highest point in the United States east of the Rockies.

The Silent Guide Monument in Philip was built in the late 1800s by a sheepherder to mark a waterhole that never went dry. Made of flat stones, the guide originally stood fourteen feet high, and could be seen as far as thirty five miles away.

The Flaming Fountain on South Dakota State Capitol Lake is fed by an artesian well with natural gas content so high that it can be lit. The fountain glows perpetually as a memorial to all veterans.

Jewel Cave is the third-longest cave in the world. More than 120 miles of passages have been surveyed. Calcite crystals that glitter when illuminated give the cave its name.

Bowdle is known for the tallest water tower in South Dakota.

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