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# New Staff



**Taryn DeBoer**  
Direct Support Professional  
East Elm Apartments



**Jill Eckmann**  
Direct Support Professional  
Park Place Apartments



**Wendy Eich**  
Direct Support Professional  
R&B House



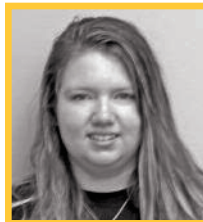
**Laryssa Erickson**  
Direct Support Professional  
Wheatridge Apartments



**Laurel Friedenbach**  
Direct Support Professional  
Gamble Steet Apartments



**Donna Gronke**  
Direct Support Professional  
Wheatridge Apartments



**Carolyn Groves**  
Direct Support Professional  
Gamble Street Apatments



**Melody Melchior**  
Employment Specialist  
Career Connections



**Mack Minder**  
Direct Support Professional  
KJ Program



**Diane Reed**  
Direct Support Professional  
McLeod House



**Rodney Rorex**  
Direct Support Professional  
Gamble Street & Centennial



**Savannah Schroeder**  
Direct Support Professional  
North Kimball Apartments



**Daniel Sloan**  
Direct Support Professional  
Clarke House



**Tara Thill**  
Direct Support Professional  
East Elm Apartments



**Maggie Zeimer**  
Direct Support Professional  
Clarke House



**It's More than a Job**

One of the ways in which LifeQuest works to fulfill its mission is to assist people to find and maintain employment that they enjoy, find meaningful and can be successful at. Employment is a big part of many of our lives, but not just because it's "how we earn money/make a living," it's also because of what it brings to our lives.

October is National Disabilities Employment Awareness Month. LifeQuest is fortunate to exist in a community that believes in the possibilities of those with diverse abilities. Many businesses and community members demonstrate that each year by hiring/employing someone with a disability. Not only does it provide people with a place of employment, but it also affords them the opportunity to engage in meaningful work, demonstrate their skills and abilities and to develop relationships with coworkers. Equally as important, it provides them with a sense of accomplishment and pride knowing that they are contributing members of the community, in which they are a part of. LifeQuest has assisted many people to find and maintain employment in the community through Career Connections and its Job Development Program. Many community businesses have partnered with LifeQuest to help find employees who are dependable, and have or can develop the skills needed for the job they are seeking to fill. If you are business owner, or someone who has employment opportunities, and want to learn more about Career Connections or LifeQuest's Job Development Program, please give Darla a call at 996-9891.

Pam Hanna  
Executive Director

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**Staff  
Anniversaries**

**OCTOBER**

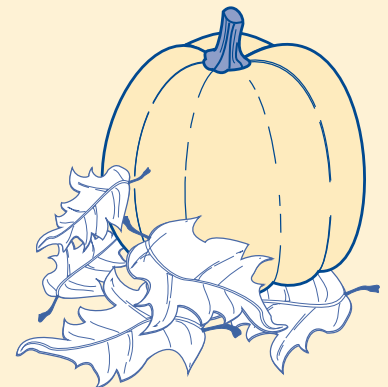
- Lonnie Callies ..... 24 years
- Kenny Gunsch ..... 22 years
- Holly Fechner ..... 12 years
- Jean Scherschligt ..... 11 years
- Kim Luna..... 3 years
- Kylie Roth ..... 2 years
- Jordan Unterbrunner.... 1 year

**NOVEMBER**

- Mike Sejnoha ..... 31 years
- Jeannie Johnson ..... 27 years
- Brian Loken ..... 16 years
- Vicki Stubbe ..... 11 years
- Cindy Bunch ..... 9 years
- Ardis Hintz ..... 4 years
- Elaine Kinney ..... 3 years
- Jill Beaton..... 2 years
- Becky Haslam ..... 2 years
- Brittany Ochs ..... 2 years
- Dianne Wright ..... 2 years
- Missy Gabriel Chilel ..... 1 year
- Miranda Letcher..... 1 year
- Scott Mahoney..... 1 year

**DECEMBER**

- Deb Brink..... 39 years
- Avis Bahm ..... 23 years
- Monica Konechne..... 14 years
- Sherry Feistner..... 11 years
- Linda Geidel ..... 1 year
- Kim Hoffman..... 1 year
- Sonya Johnson..... 1 year



## Bella's Walk a Success

Over 50 athletes and dozens of volunteers braved the rain on September 9 for this year's Bella 5K Color Fun Run/Walk. The event started at Bella's Butterfly Garden at Northridge Park in Mitchell and featured multiple paint stations throughout the course. Proceeds from the event benefitted both LifeQuest and victims of drunk driving accidents.

"Thank you all who spent your Saturday at Bella's 5K," said Jeanie Morgan, mother of Bella and LifeQuest Supervisor. "I am so thankful for my LifeQuest family and proud to work for such an amazing organization. You all made Bella's 5K amazing and colorful!"

The event raised \$2,500 for LifeQuest, and earmarked for staff investments. Thanks to all who ran, walked or volunteered!



Bella's Color 5K Run/Walk benefitted LifeQuest.

## Support LifeQuest through Amazon Smile



By visiting [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and selecting LifeQuest Foundation as your charity of support, a portion of the proceeds from everything you purchase from Amazon will be given back to LifeQuest.

"The best part is that you only have to log in the first time and select LifeQuest Foundation once," said Loken. "Each time you visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) after that, it will show you supporting the LifeQuest Foundation by name."

To support LifeQuest, do the following:

- 1) Type [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) in the address bar of your web browser.
- 2) Log in using your amazon.com account. Everything else is the same, including Prime.
- 3) Amazon will ask you to pick your own charitable organization. Type LifeQuest Foundation in search box and press "Search"
- 4) If multiple entries are listed, press select next to Mitchell, SD.

**Remember to visit <http://smile.amazon.com> each time! It should say LifeQuest Foundation under the search bar every time you visit the site.**



## *In Loving Memory*

**Leon Bettelyoun ~ 1973 – 2017**

Leon passed away on October 5th in a hospice care facility in Vermillion, SD. Leon loved his home at Gamble Street Apartments since moving to Mitchell in 1996. He was a gentle spirit with a great sense of humor. He was very easy going and liked by everyone.

"I really didn't learn to appreciate who Leon was until I started working at GSA. I mean I knew who he was, but didn't have a clue who he was as a person. He was sweet and didn't have an enemy in the world. Knowing him truly blessed my life."

**- Linda Powell**