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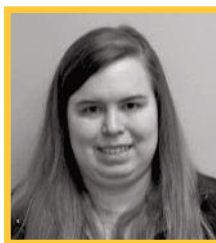
New Staff



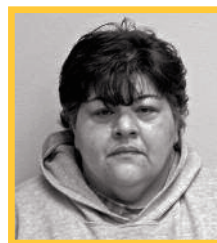
Liz Anderson
Direct Support Professional
McLeod House



Emma Abbott
Direct Support Professional
East Elm House



Mackenzie Johansen
Direct Support Professional
Gamble Street Apartments



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Gamble Street Apartments



Irene Oloyede
Direct Support Professional
Career Connections



Dan Ries
Supervisor
J&L/Clarke Houses



Haleigh Riggs
Direct Support Professional
KJ Program



Chelsea Schleuning
Direct Support Professional
East Elm House



Hailey Thompson
Direct Support Professional
Gamble Street Apartments



The #1 Answer

Every year LifeQuest conducts an Employee Input Survey with current employees asking them to rate their satisfaction in several areas and provide us with general comments about how things are going. This year, we took a different approach and asked employees what's working and not working in the area they work directly in. It's not surprising, overwhelmingly, time and time again, the #1 answer about what is working with their job is "being with the people supported by LifeQuest". It's what they enjoy most about their jobs. It's the smiles and the laughs, the journeys and times they share with each other. They believe in people, enjoy being a part of helping them to have good things in their lives and watching them succeed. That's why they're here and the reason they stay. And that's exactly why people need them and why LifeQuest needs them.

The Employee Input Survey also identified other things that we can look at, but it reminded me of this, you can put up a sign on a building, but it's truly the people who fulfill the mission, vision and values of the organization every day that makes it strong. It's not the building, it's the people. I am thankful that LifeQuest has many employees whose best days are spent making days a bit brighter for someone else. It's the people who make us strong, who make us... LifeQuest.

Pam Hanna
Executive Director

Staff Anniversaries

APRIL

- Leonard Heckel 37 years
- Carol Schoenfelder..... 30 years
- Sharon Stern..... 21 years
- Sheri VanOverschelde.. 20 years
- Carol Limberg..... 17 years
- Nikki Riggs..... 16 years
- Sharyl Burmeister 15 years
- Gregg Judstra..... 14 years
- Paula Pecenka 8 years
- Michelle Brown 8 years
- Emily Pogue..... 4 years
- Skyler Wittenhagen 2 years
- Brandon Thompson 1 year
- Stephanie Killion 1 year

MAY

- Cathy Sand 19 years
- Tyra Fleury..... 18 years
- Ronda Vetch 17 years
- Kylee Burdick..... 5 years
- Amy Hotchkiss 5 years
- Mandy Terry..... 5 years
- Kendra Johnson..... 2 years
- Rachel Selland 1 year
- Bill Swaney..... 1 year

JUNE

- Lynette Kingsbury 22 years
- Roxi Brown 21 years
- Lisa Gorrell..... 21 years
- Gary Lambert 21 years
- Kacee Regan..... 21 years
- Kristi Schneider 18 years
- Stacy Johnson..... 9 year
- Denise VanZee..... 9 years
- Janelle Parker 4 years
- Louis Hollingshed 2 years
- Kate Miller 2 years
- Larry Moeller..... 2 years
- April Olson..... 2 years
- Allen Palmer 2 years
- Kristy Ackman..... 1 year
- Sophie Beauchamp 1 year
- Zoey Bornhorst 1 year
- Courtney Graves 1 year
- Lollie LaRoche..... 1 year
- Madi Miller..... 1 year
- Addison Oakland..... 1 year
- Kaitlin Sailer..... 1 year

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Mt. Vernon Students Visit LifeQuest

As part of Mt Vernon High School senior DeZarae Tollefson's senior project, students from the high school visited LifeQuest at the beginning of April to make tie blankets for newborn babies. The group had a great time and a total of 32 blankets were made! "She recently dropped off the blankets at the Maternal Care Center at Avera Queen of Peace."



Mt Vernon senior DeZarae Tollefson making a blanket with Violet Johannsen.



Mt Vernon High School students came to help senior DeZarae Tollefson make tie blankets with people supported by LifeQuest.

Wishlist

When you think of a wish list, you think of a wish list of *things*. At LifeQuest, our wish list is of *things to do*. Below is list of small activities individuals, or groups, can do with the people of LifeQuest.

Game Night

We have several locations looking for friends to play games – inside or outside – throughout the summer. Board games, card games, basketball, whatever! If you want to spend an hour once or twice per month playing games, give us a call!

Reading

The people we support love books, and having outside groups come in to read to them. Sharing your joy of the classics and other stories are great ways to connect with people.

Share Your Inner Rock Star

There are many people supported by LifeQuest that love singing and hearing musical instruments. If you have musical passion, what better way to share it with a special audience!

We want your experience to be as positive for you as well, so we can accommodate most activities or locations. We'll work with you to set up something that works for both of us. If you are interested, call Brian at 990-7835 or e-mail him at bloken@lifequestsd.com.