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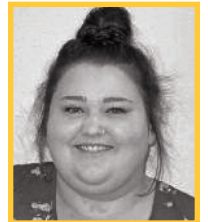
Danielle Bultje
Employment Specialist
Career Connections



Jamie Gill
Family Support
Coordinator



Angie Graham
Direct Support
Professional
Gamble Street Apartments



Jenna Herman
Direct Support
Professional
Centennial Apartments



Kim Janzig
Direct Support
Professional
East Elm House



Chloe Kunkel
Direct Support
Professional
Wheatridge Apartments



Jenny Letcher
Direct Support
Professional
Gamble Street Apartments



Laura Maag
Supervisor
Milbank Program



Sadie Mackey
Direct Support
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Tasha Maeschen
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Professional
Gamble Street Apartments



Dorothy Mettler
Direct Support
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North Kimball House



Jennifer O'Connor
Direct Support
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Kelsey Range
Direct Support
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Centennial Apartments



Justin Rassel
Maintenance Supervisor



Karen Riley
Direct Support
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Direct Support
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Chad Sewick
Direct Support
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Rebecca Stunes
Direct Support
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McLeod House



Happy 60 Year Anniversary LifeQuest

In 1959, a group of family members brought to life their dream. That dream was to provide a place for their sons and daughters to spend their days so that they would not have to leave the Mitchell community to seek services from institutional care. Sixty years later, we celebrate the efforts of that group, as LifeQuest recognizes its 60th Anniversary.

Though LifeQuest was first organized under a different name in 1959, the work of the group started in 1955. Those dedicated family members worked diligently to adopt a constitution and by-laws, review legislation, fundraise and mostly, pave the way for people with disabilities to receive services in a community setting. Their belief was, everyone holds a place in his/her community and is best supported amongst family and friends. They believed that their sons and daughters held gifts and talents that were valuable. That they could learn, perform jobs and contribute to the lives of others through friendships. They also desired a place near them, where their sons and daughters could be “home”, near the love and support of family. This group worked diligently, committed to make these services a reality.

They established a mission statement, “To help young men and women find their place in society”. This was a group of very progressive thinkers. It was 1959, and they were thinking of inclusion and integration, during a time when institutional care was the known.

Today, LifeQuest’s mission is “Creating Opportunities that Enrich Lives. When I look at both mission statements, they create the same message. Thank you to that group of progressive thinkers, who, 60 years ago, created the foundation and mission that LifeQuest has supported for 60 years. Their dedication, work and vision created a path were people can live in a community of opportunities and amongst their families and friends.

Pam Hanna
Executive Director

Staff Anniversaries

MAY

- Tyra Fleury 20 years
- Ronda Vetch..... 19 years
- Amy Hotchkiss 7 years
- Kendra Johnson..... 4 years
- Bill Swaney 3 years
- Vicki Hansen 2 years
- Tori Stewart..... 2 years
- Bailey Bauder..... 1 year

JUNE

- Lynette Kingsbury 24 years
- Roxi Brown 23 years
- Lisa Gorrell 23 years
- Gary Lambert 23 years
- Kacee Regan 23 years
- Stacy Johnson..... 11 years
- Janelle Parker 6 years
- Larry Moeller 4 years
- April Olson 4 years
- Kate Miller..... 4 years
- Zoey Bornhorst 3 years
- Kristy Ackman 3 years
- Sophie Beauchamp 3 years
- Samantha Kubik 2 years
- Stephanie Swanson..... 2 years
- Blair Overweg 1 year
- Tiffany Albertson 1 year
- Kala Aragon 1 year
- Krista Neugebauer..... 1 year
- LilyAnn Weiss..... 1 year

JULY

- Peggy Huber 15 years
- Lisa Anderson 10 years
- Malea Boyer..... 10 years
- Coleen Bernards 9 years
- Elise Wibben..... 7 years
- Dave Miller..... 5 years
- Theresa Wheeler..... 4 years
- Kaycee McGuire 3 year
- Alyssa Plooster 1 year
- Tammy Cumbee 1 year
- Angie Mayhew 1 year
- Brandy Hall 1 year

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Mike Tobin (second from right) was one of three Heart N' Sole Cancer Walk Honorary Co-Chairs.

Tobin Named Heart N' Sole Honorary Co-Chair

Mike Tobin was named one of three Honorary Co-Chairs for the 2019 Heart N'Sole Cancer Walk/Run. The annual fundraiser was held on Friday, June 14th at the Mitchell Middle School. Tobin joined Ryker Earls and Kirsten Harless as co-chairs of the event, which raises funds to distribute to cancer patients in the area.

Tobin was diagnosed with testicular cancer in 1985, at the age of 30. Mike had gone in for his yearly physical when his doctor found it. He was then sent onto an oncologist for further testing and treatment.

Congratulations Mike!



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Weller Foundation Awards \$15,000 to LifeQuest

The Sam F. Weller Family Foundation of Mitchell awarded LifeQuest \$15,000 towards the costs of launching LifeQuest's newest program, Shared Living. The award will help cover staffing and up-front expenses in a program that will help people with disabilities partner with community members and live in the community member's home.

"This program will provide an individual approach to community-based living," said Executive Director Pam Hanna. "Shared Living is a new way to provide services to people, and LifeQuest wants to be a statewide leader in providing such a service. The Foundation's investment in this program will help us greatly."

The Sam F. Weller Family Foundation was established in Mitchell from the estate of Samuel Weller, a local businessman who passed away in 1978. He graduated from Mitchell High School in 1919 and went on to play college football for Dakota Wesleyan University in 1921 and 1922. Sam married Edna Braase in 1927 in Glendale, California and moved back to Mitchell where they made their home and raised two children, Corinne and Richard. He joined the family business originally begun by his grandfather, Frank Weller, and continued by his father, Charles.

"The Foundation's investment in this program will help us greatly."

— Pam Hanna, Executive Director



Mark Your Calendar!

Annual Dinner Meeting at the Highland Conference Center

Thursday, August 29, 2019

6:30 pm Buffet Dinner • 7:00 pm Program

Contact Brian at 990-7835 or at bloken@lifequestsd.com to RSVP