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# New Staff



**Maddie Bauer**  
Direct Support Professional  
Radke and Bhaalid Houses



**Missy Gabriel Chilel**  
Direct Support Professional  
Residential Program



**Linda Geidel**  
Direct Support Professional  
Gamble Street Apartments



**Seth Greene**  
Direct Support Professional  
Park Place Apartments



**Kim Hoffman**  
Direct Support Professional  
Life Enrichment Program



**Sonya Johnson**  
Bookkeeper



**Sam Kayser**  
Employment Specialist  
Career Connections



**Charlie LaRoche**  
Direct Support Professional  
J&L House



**Miranda Letcher**  
Direct Support Professional  
KJ Program



**Scott Mahoney**  
Direct Support Professional  
East Elm House



**Lori Schiesser**  
Direct Support Professional  
Milbank Program



**Denise Slavik**  
Direct Support Professional  
Residential Program



**Jordan Unterbrunner**  
Direct Support Professional  
Centennial Apartments



### Make Joy and Happiness a Priority

No matter if someone is first entering into employment with LifeQuest, or if they've been employed for more than twenty, one of the most important things that all employees can do is to find ways to bring more joy and happiness to people's lives. We feel that if we make that a priority every day, then we will succeed in fulfilling LifeQuest's Mission, Vision and Values.

I have presented that message to many over the years. It was this year, during the holidays, that I saw it a bit differently. I watched how many employees, friends, family and community members became the recipient of people supported reaching out to them to bring more joy and happiness to their lives. They do that in so many ways, with so little effort. They may have shared a card with others, a greeting or a smile, but in some way, it brighten someone's day. The best part, they do it every day, without thought or hesitation.

Over the years, people supported by LifeQuest have taught me many things, none more valuable than this - when we take a little of our time to brighten someone's day, then we have brought more joy and happiness to that person's life. A gift from oneself, and done in an act of kindness. There really is no better gift than that.

I hope that as we move in 2017, all of us will make bringing more joy and happiness to the lives of others a priority. And if you're already doing so, thank you.

Pam Hanna  
Executive Director

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## Staff Anniversaries

### JANUARY

- Jeanie Morgan ..... 17 years
- Cheryl Graham..... 16 years
- Darla McGuire ..... 15 years
- Menetta Rassel..... 13 years
- Jenny Toulouse ..... 13 years
- Heidi Geppert..... 12 years
- Denise Hughes..... 11 years
- Kala Aragon..... 9 years
- Rhonda Schulz ..... 8 years
- Darla Schoenfelder..... 7 years
- Lori Jerke ..... 4 years
- Jack Kennedy ..... 2 years
- Tammy Leddy-Sederquist 2 years
- Janice Catron ..... 1 year
- Kristy Elder..... 1 year
- Jenna Miller..... 1 year

### FEBRUARY

- Mark Limberg ..... 17 years
- Danielle Revoir ..... 8 years
- Cassie Workmeister..... 7 years
- Josh Phillips..... 6 years
- Meghen Wolter..... 5 years
- Alli Beach-Pattison ..... 4 years
- Holly Pence ..... 3 years
- Christine Allen ..... 2 years
- Sarah Klentz..... 2 years
- Karen Riley..... 2 years
- Ashton Albin..... 1 year

### MARCH

- Carla Eppel ..... 21 years
- Michele Meservey..... 17 years
- Karie Harris ..... 15 years
- Bobbi Huber..... 10 years
- Mary Lou Tollefson..... 10 years
- Jessica Phillips ..... 6 years
- Liz Richmond ..... 5 years
- Tawn Steffes ..... 2 years
- Jennifer Erwin..... 1 year

## Building a Foundation with... LifeQuest Foundation

### Challenge Gift to Raise Funds for LifeQuest

A generous donor matched the first \$15,000 of new and increased gifts given to the LifeQuest Foundation Annual Year End Campaign that began in November. All told, over 90 donors increased their existing gift, or gave a brand new gift, resulting in nearly \$16,000 in new gifts to the Foundation

"We're very thankful to this donor who has stepped up and offered this challenge," said LifeQuest Executive Director Pam Hanna. "We'll use funds raised from the Foundation to help people access the Mitchell community and take part in its many activities," continues Hanna. "It is important to them, because they do have the ability, to be a contributing member of our community."

### 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.**

### LifeQuest Foundation Now Accepting Online Donations!

The LifeQuest Foundation can now take online donations via the Foundation's new website, [www.lifequestfoundation.org](http://www.lifequestfoundation.org)! "Donors have been asking for this feature," said Brian Loken, the Foundation's Development Director. "It's a simple and safe way to support us. The setup is easy to use, and continues to allow donors to give a Memorial or Tribute Gift, along with how we can let the family know of your gift."

Simply click on the "Give Today" link on the website and fill out the necessary information. After submitting information about the gift, it will submit that information directly to the Foundation, and will automatically re-direct you to WePay, an online payment service provider who partners with a number of online suppliers, such as gofundme. You will then submit your payment information and your gift will be given directly to the Foundation.

"Our tests have shown that we can receive your gift anywhere from later that day to three business days," said Loken.

For more information about online giving, call Brian Loken at (605) 990-7835 or e-mail him at [bloken@lifequestsd.com](mailto:bloken@lifequestsd.com).