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# New Staff



**Lisa Arkland**  
Employment Specialist  
Career Connections



**Kayla Braun**  
Direct Support Professional  
North Kimball House



**McKayla Buol**  
Direct Support Professional  
Gamble Street Apartments



**Matthew Carroll**  
Direct Support Professional  
Centennial Apartments



**Katelyn Johansen**  
Direct Support Professional  
East Elm House



**Alex Mitchell**  
Direct Support Professional  
Bartscher House



**Mayra Navarro Canal**  
Direct Support Professional  
Wheatridge Apartments



**Bryce Petersen**  
Direct Support Professional  
J&L House



**Diann Ries**  
Employment Specialist  
Career Connections



**Tori Schryvers**  
Direct Support Professional  
Wheatridge Apartments



### Be Grateful

This past holiday season I received greeting cards and letters from family and friends. I am thankful for all. There was one in particular, with a hand written quote upon closure that made me pause and sent a warm feeling to my heart. It said... " Be Grateful and Loving in All Things."

It prompted me to think about our hurried lives. We bounce between tasks within our days and weeks and always try to find more time. We are often in search of more and wonder if we've done enough or if it's good enough? The quest to do more, often overclouds us from seeing the perfection in what we already have and all that we should be grateful for. People do amazing things every day and when we stop looking for and seeking perfection, we may just find it right in front of us, in what is.

The best gifts I receive is through the thoughtfulness and caring of others. Each one of us have the ability to be provide a precious gift to another through kindness, caring and friendship. This past August I celebrated 35 years with LifeQuest. I am grateful for all the people who have touched my heart, walked with me in times of happiness and sorrow and been by my side to celebrate accomplishments and meet challenges. We truly are a gift to each other, though our eyes can only see it, and our hearts feel it, when we are open to giving to one another. Thank you for all you have given to me.

The quote... "**Be Grateful and Loving in All Things**"; I will leave on my desk and read often. I want to thank Jan Quenzer sending it to me. She probably won't mind if you write it down and post it too.

Pam Hanna  
Executive Director

### Staff Anniversaries

#### JANUARY

- Jeanie Morgan ..... 20 years
- Cheryl Graham ..... 19 years
- Darla McGuire ..... 18 years
- Menetta Rassel ..... 16 years
- Jenny Toulouse ..... 16 years
- Heidi Geppert ..... 15 years
- Denise Hughes ..... 14 years
- Rhonda Schulz ..... 11 years
- Darla Schoenfelder ..... 10 years
- Lori Jerke ..... 7 years
- Tammy Leddy-Sederquist .5 years
- Kristy Elder ..... 4 years
- Dan Ries ..... 3 years
- Cathy Timmerman ..... 3 years

#### FEBRUARY

- Mark Limberg ..... 20 years
- Cassie Werkmeister ..... 10 years
- Josh Phillips ..... 9 years
- Alli Beach-Pattison ..... 7 years
- Holly Pence ..... 6 years
- Christine Allen ..... 5 years
- Cade Cowins ..... 2 years
- Haleigh Riggs ..... 2 years
- Callie Manke ..... 1 year
- Jacee McGuire ..... 1 year

#### MARCH

- Carla Eppel ..... 24 years
- Michele Meservey ..... 20 years
- Karie Harris ..... 18 years
- Bobbi Huber ..... 13 years
- Jessica Phillips ..... 9 years
- Liz Richmond ..... 8 years
- Tawn Steffes ..... 5 years
- Anthony Fenske ..... 4 years
- Lee Sewright ..... 2 years
- Tim Soderquist ..... 2 years
- Aaron Gregory ..... 1 year
- Courtney Hansen ..... 1 year
- Jakob Tovsland ..... 1 year

### LifeQuest Board of Directors

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## Building a Foundation with... **LifeQuest** Foundation

### Tobin Legacy Circle

The LifeQuest Foundation established the Tobin Legacy Circle to recognize planned gifts received, or will receive. If you have included LifeQuest or the LifeQuest Foundation in your estate plans and wish to be included in the Circle listing, please provide a copy of the paperwork to Development Director Brian Loken at [bloken@lifequestsd.com](mailto:bloken@lifequestsd.com).



### Tobin Legacy Circle Members

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### Our Promise To You ...

If you think enough of LifeQuest and people with disabilities, we'd enjoy an opportunity to talk to you about any planned gift you wish to make. We understand this subject may not be the most positive topic to talk about openly outside of your family. Therefore, we promise...

**...to be honest.** We do not know all the answers, and we will tell you so we can find someone who does. We do not want to waste your hard-earned time nor your resources.

**...to be confidential.** Only you and the people you choose to be involved with this gift will know about your generosity. We will be glad to include you in any publications we have about our Planned Giving Program if you choose to be recognized.

**...to serve you.** We want you to be excited about what your gift will do for people with disabilities. We will provide as much information to you as possible about our programs, the people we serve and our needs for the future.

**...that you will be in control.** We may ask you to give a Planned Gift to the LifeQuest Foundation, but we will not pressure you into making decisions by a certain deadline or for a certain amount.

### LifeQuest Foundation Online Donations

The LifeQuest Foundation can take donations via the Foundation's website, [www.lifequestfoundation.org](http://www.lifequestfoundation.org). "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.

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