

State Special Olympics





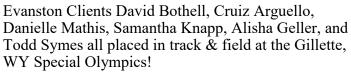












UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wyogives July 10
- DD Conference September 19-20
- State Special Olympics Bowling October 9-11

About WyoGives

WyoGives - an initiative of the Wyoming Nonprofit Network – is a powerful, statewide 24-hour online fundraising event that is designed to bring the state together as one community to raise money and awareness for Wyoming's nonprofits.

WyoGives.org provides one, easy-to-use platform where individuals can search and donate to Wyoming nonprofits that are making a difference in our communities every day. In 2023, with the \$1 million match from the Hughes Charitable Foundation and other generous matching funds, WyoGives raised over \$4 million!

The 5th annual WyoGives is Wednesday, July 10, 2024. This is Wyoming's Statehood Day!

LSR will be participating in WyoGives for our second consecutive year. We encourage friends, families, and other stakeholders to consider making a donation to LSR on this day through the WyoGives.org website. Funding donations made to LSR through the WyoGives.org website on July 10, 2024, may be eligible for matching funds through various foundations across Wyoming.





Tyson Ortman (Above) truly loves horseback riding lessons at Jackson Hole Therapeutic Riding. He is a cowboy through and through! This also includes his great cowboy manners!

Jackson Hole Therapeutic Riding



Angie Hunt (Below) loves horseback riding lessons with Jackson Hole Therapeutic Riding. She is improving her skills every lesson and becoming a great rider!



Special Olympics 2024 Afton Clients



Angie Hunt (Left) Competed in the Softball Throw, Long Jump & 50 Meter Dash!

Nina Kennington (Right) Competed in the Tennis Ball Throw, 25 Meter Dash, and the 50 Meter Dash!



Farewell to a Great Leader

Rissa Grisamer is an amazing individual with compassion and commitment that you don't see often in a person. Rissa started at LSR 7 years ago in supported employment working side by side with a participant doing shredding services. She then transitioned into a Lead DSP position for the Afton program. In 2019, Rissa became the Afton Program Manager and excelled in this position. In 2022, she also became the Program Manager for the Thayne location. Rissa handled being Program Manager for two locations simultaneously with grace! Everyone admires her for how hard she worked while still keeping a smile on her face and providing exceptional care. Rissa has decided to pursue a different career path, and we wish her nothing but the best. LSR will miss her wonderful leadership and kind heart.

"My time with LSR was amazing. The participants each hold onto a special place in my heart! Watching the participants reach goals and do things they never thought they could were some of my favorite moments to witness! I absolutely loved and valued my staff along the way! I cared for them on a deeper level than just being a staff member. They were my people. I loved watching each of them grow and develop in their jobs as well as their lives! I would like them all to know without them I would not have been as successful in my position, or have gone the places I went or done the things I did without them."

— Rissa Grisamer











New Program Managers



Kayla has been with LSR for 6 1/2 years. She started as a DSP and was promoted to Lead DSP quickly. She was in this role for 3 years. Moved into Accounts Payable for 1 year, where she realized that she missed working with the

participants! She then moved back into being a Lead, and has now taken over as Afton Program Manager!

"I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to work with my sister Rissa Grisamer for the last 6 ½ years! She is an amazing leader and I have learned so much from her! She truly will be missed by all! I hope to make her and all of you proud as I embark on this new journey as Afton Program Manager!" Kim has been with LSR for almost 4 years. She started as a DSP, and then after about a year and a half, she became a Lead DSP. She recently took over as the Thayne Program Manager!



"I absolutely love my job! This fits me so well. I love caring for the clients as well as working with such an amazing staff."

- Kimberly Holt

— Kayla Grisamer



We would also like to welcome Mandy Burnett, a new staff in the Diamondville location! We are so excited to have her join our team!

What's New in Diamondville?

Every Tuesday, the Cent\$ible Nutrition team has been coming into the Diamondville/Kemmerer office and teaching the clients new recipes. They have enjoyed making bean dip, salsa, cream cheese on a rice cake, and bean salad!



Staff Years of Service For This Quarter

One Year:

Isabeau Jessen (Evanston, DSP) Jessica Newell (Diamondville, DSP) Annie Woods (Evanston, DSP)

Two Years:

Sarah Adamson (Thayne, Lead DSP) Jessica Ives (Diamondville, DSP)

Four Years:

Austin Nalley (Afton, Admin. Assistant) Autumn Nalley (Afton, Lead DSP)

Five Years: Matthew Blakeman (Evanston, Lead DSP) Janice Speth (Thayne, DSP)

Six Years: Danielle Blakeman (Evanston, Program Manager)

Ten Years: Connie Barton (Evanston, DSP) Stacie Sheets (Evanston, Admin. Assistant) Judy Symes (Evanston, Admin. Assistant) Sharon Wagstaff (Evanston, Lead DSP)

Eleven Years: Chelsea Reeder (Diamondville, Lead DSP)

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