# Lincoln Self Reliance October 2023 Review Darrel Skinner Twenty Years

Darrel is the Executive Director for Lincoln Self Reliance, he has fulfilled this roll for 20 years! The majority of us here at LSR see him as a business man he keeps our numbers together, informs us of the rules and regulations and keeps us on the right track. He takes a large amount of pride in our company and advocates for the individuals we serve on many different platforms. Darrel is a member of the NLHRC, WCSP, and CARF.

Darrel is the father of six children, six grandchildren and has been married to the love of his life for 34 years. He enjoys camping, being with his family, westerns, pie, and spudnuts.

The participants we serve, think the world of Darrel, he has a special bond with each of them. No matter how busy he is or what he is in the middle of he will always stop to great our individuals served. It is fun to see the different relationships they each have.

A few of the participants would like to say, "Thank you for being the Big Boss and always helping us out. You are so nice."

Kallie Bennion, Sr, Admin Assist, appreciates the amount of time you take to ensure financial security for the company and advocating on behalf of LSR as a whole.

Rissa Grisamer, Program Manager, would like to thank Darrel for always being so kind and understanding, I have learned a lot from you and know that I can always rely on you for sound guidance. It is nice working for someone who sees you as a person first, then an employee. Thank you for your dedication to making LSR a better place!

Dani Blakeman, Program Manager, would like to thank you for always being available even at 1am when she needs support or guidance in a situation. Also, thank you for seeing people for who they are today, recognizing their work ethic, and not judging them for their past!

Shirley Deason, Program Manager, would like to congratulate him on 20years and invite him to enjoy 20 more years together. She has enjoyed watching Darrel grow this company and branch out to different locations/services. He listens to everyone and their needs and does a great job we appreciate him.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO LSR, THE INDIVIDUALS SERVED, AND THE STAFF!













#### **Upcoming Events**

- Kemmerer Online Auction: Oct 18 Nov 1
- North Lincoln Awards Banquet Oct 20
  - Evanston Awards Banquet Nov 10



## Report From Kemmerer

I would like to welcome our new staff Jennifer Palkow to our team! Jennifer likes to spend time with her family and her girls.

We hosted our 23<sup>rd</sup> LSR Banquet October 5, 2023 it was a fun night, the clients seemed to have a good time with everyone who showed up! We did a Halloween theme and served meatloaf which everyone seemed to enjoy!

I would like to introduce you to the Kemmerer staff: Sara Pope, Dakota Matthews, Macii Bahls, McKayla Wall, Chelsea Reeder, Janie Sharpe, Jennifer Palkow, Jessie Newell, Andrew Dunn, Jessica Ives.

We would like to extend congratulations to Chelsea Reeder for ten (10) years and Andrew Dunn, Jessica Ives, Mckayla Wall for one (1) year with LSR! We greatly appreciate your time and dedication to the participants we serve!

We will be having an Online Auction October 18, 2023 – November 1, 2023 here is a small example of some of the items we have to auction off.







## United Way

Lincoln Self Reliance, Inc. has been awarded grant funding in the amount of \$5,192 in Lincoln County and \$4,910 in Uinta County for the 2023-2024 United Way of Southwest Wyoming's community investment program. The funds will be used to help cover transportation expenses for individuals with disabilities served through Lincoln Self Reliance programs in Lincoln and Uinta Counties.

Lincoln Self Reliance, Inc. has been providing 24-hour program supports to individuals with intellectual disabilities and acquired brain injuries for the past twenty-three years. LSR attributes the great success they have been able to achieve to the local communities who have continued to support our mission.

LSR is also thankful for all of our Direct Support Professionals, office personnel, Thrift Store employees, individuals served, and families/stakeholder of the individuals served at LSR.

Persons served through Lincoln Self Reliance rely on transportation services offered by Lincoln Self Reliance to access employment, attend community integration, adult day services, medical appointments, shop for groceries and personal items, and participate in recreational outings. Persons served are able to experience a higher degree of community integration and autonomy as a result of the transportation services provided by Lincoln Self Reliance.

The United Way of Southwest Wyoming has developed missions for community impact, which include "provide quality services to support independent living for individuals and families", and to "develop a safe and healthy community through partnerships". The programs provided by Lincoln Self Reliance contribute to those missions.

Darrel Skinner, Executive Director of Lincoln Self Reliance, said "United Way of Southwest Wyoming has been an ongoing supporter of LSR and our mission for many years. They have not only been providing needed grant funding but have also helped with other resource referrals that have helped to make LSR a successful not-for-profit service provider for individuals with intellectual disabilities and acquired brain injuries."

#### **DSP** Appreciation

September holds a special week of Direct Support Professional appreciation. A DSP is often an underappreciated career, but without this vital position we would not be able to provide the 24 hour care to the participants we serve! At LSR we pride ourselves on having a great support staff, these individuals make a difference every day. They are the frontline, in the trenches, foundation of our company! Kayla Grisamer was nominated for a DSP award this year in which we traveled to Casper to attend a banquet where she got presented with a certificate! I would like to thank DSPs company wide for your time and

dedication! Together we achieve more!















### **Quarterly Staff Longevity**

### One Year

- McKayla Wall (Diamondville DSP)
- Andrew Dunn (Diamondville
- Carmen Buchanan (Thayne DSP)
- Jonah Simmons (Thayne DSP)
- Lex Stauffer (Thayne DSP)
- Sherry Skinner (Thrift Store Supervisor)
- Tyler Mann (Evanston DSP)

#### Four Years

Svitlana Holm (Diamondville DSP)

#### Five Years

Lindee Blakeman (Evanston Admin Assist)

#### Six Years

Connie Wigginton (Evanston DSP)

### Eight Years

Andrew Ortenzio (IT)

### Twelve Years

Sara Pope (Diamondville DSP)

#### Fourteen Years

Kallie Bennion (Sr. Admin Assistant)

### Twenty Years

Darrel Skinner (Executive Director)









### Report From Afton/Thayne

Afton and Thayne LSR programs have had a blast these past three months! In July we got to help out with the SV Half Marathon, making posters, and cheering on all the runners. We also got to go to Jackson Wyoming and attend horse lessons through C-V Ranches and the JHTR; this is always such a wonderful time and experience for the participants. We would like to extend a huge Thank You to Adriene, and her team, you are all beyond special to us! August was a busy month with beautiful weather, we got to go to Lava and spend the day swimming as well as the Lincoln County Fair which is always a favorite for the participants! September didn't lack in fun or excitement, once again Jackson Hole Adventure Rental put together an awesome ATV ride and lunch for us, go to our website to see a fun video put together by them! We are so blessed to have such wonderful opportunities for our participants and it's always largely in part to the great community support we receive thank you so much Stephanie Black, and the JHAR Team!!















## Report From Evanston

The Evanston area spent a lot of time out in the community over the last three months, both Day Hab A and B went to the Kenworth Semi manufacturer in Salt Lake City, Utah. They spent time at the bakery in Randolph Utah, picnics at multiple parks around town and up in the Uinta Mountains. The clients enjoyed Sea quest, the Hogle zoo, and bowling. The clients have spent a lot of time at the rec center working on their basketball skills or walking the track. There was a Halloween craft day and decorating contest for both day hab sites. The clients are especially excited about their upcoming Halloween costume contest.





















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#### **Mission Statement**

It is our mission to provide training and support to individuals with disabilities, so they may achieve maximum potential for self reliance and active participation in the community.