

# Lincoln Self Reliance January 2024 Review

Evanston Administrative Assistants. What would we do without them? They work so hard behind the scenes. They are an extremely important part of the LSR family as a whole.

Stacie Sheets was hired by LSR when LSR bought our Evanston location in 2014. Stacie takes care of payroll, HR, client billing among many other things. She is always smiling and joking around with her co-workers. She helps where ever needed and does so with a smile on her face. She is a great listener and provides feedback when she feels it's needed and welcomed. Everyone needs a "Stacie".

Judy Symes was also hired by LSR when LSR bought our Evanston location in 2014. Judy takes care of client finances, accounts payable and arranges maintenance and remodels of our buildings. She is a joy to work beside. She also has great interior design skills. She loves to share her adventures and stories about her family that she loves so much. Judy has a wonderful heart and compassion for those around her.

Lindee Blakeman was hired by LSR in 2018 and has worked in almost every department. From being a DSP, House Manager and now on my team as an Administrative Assistant I am so grateful she transferred to my department in August of 2023. She takes care of documentation checks, trainings, new staff orientation among many other duties. Lindee has learned her duties with precision and determination to be her best. She loves to joke around with her co-workers to put smiles on faces that come her way.

I am so very grateful to work beside each of you! Thank you isn't enough for all that you do for LSR and the clients we serve.

Thanks Bunches,  
Kallie Bennion



## Evanston Christmas Party





I would like to recognize lead supervisor Jen Janway.

Jen Janway is the lead supervisor at Evanston's Champs house and has worked for LSR for a year. Jen is a hard worker. She manages the household well ensuring that all the clients are safe and comfortable. Jen has worked hard to make sure that the participants and staff always feel comfortable approaching her with any issue or idea. Jen helps cover extra shifts, comes up with new ideas for her location, does really well with her lead responsibilities overall and comes in on her days off to take participants to their appointments. Jen is a huge asset here at the Evanston LSR and we are grateful to have her.

Dani Blakeman  
Evanston Program Manager

## Years Of Service

### October, November, December

#### Two Years:

Kristi Blakeman (Evanston, DSP)  
Bruce Plott (Evanston, Maintenance)

#### Three Years:

Kim Holt (Thayne, LDSP)

#### Four Years:

Joanne Risedorf (Thayne, DSP)

#### Six Years:

Amber Rogers (Evanston, DSP)  
Kayla Grisamer (Afton, LDSP)

#### Eight Years:

Gaylen Koyle (Evanston, DSP)

#### Twenty-One Years:

Shirley Deason (Diamondville, Program Manager)



Lincoln Self Reliance would like to thank First Bank of Afton for their generous donation of \$500 to our program.



I would like to recognize Michael Barnett, she was hired in August 2023 into our Thayne Day and Residential Program.

Michael has prior C.N.A as well as EMT training. She has been a huge asset to our program!

She brings so much positivity where ever she goes. Michael always jumps into activities with both feet. She shows up every day to make the participants lives better and that is 100% apparent in her work! All of the participants thrive when she is on shift!

Michael has a beautiful little girl and is expecting a new little bundle of joy this summer!

Thank You Michael for not only showing up to your shifts but making a true impact and difference every time you step through our doors! It's a pleasure working with you and getting to know you. I am excited to watch you grow within the company and within yourself!

Rissa Grisamer  
Afton/Thayne Program Manager

Afton and Thayne have had a busy three months.

October: both locations enjoyed a trip to the Idaho Falls Zoo, they enjoyed eating at MOD Pizza. We also held the 22nd Annual Awards Banquet. It is always fun to have the participants family, friends, and employees come out, have a nice meal, watch the participants special performance (this year a poem directed by: Hannah Christie Afton DSP), and see what each person is awarded with. We finished up October with a Halloween party, including trick-or-treating for the preschoolers with CDC.



November: both locations spent the month showing appreciation for others and playing some fun games. Also, they had a big Thanksgiving feast with their peers.



December: both locations enjoyed everything Christmas. We took a ladies trip to Idaho Falls shopping and then a couple of our male staff took a guys trip the next day! It is so fun to see the festivities through the eyes of the participants. We had a big Christmas Party, HUGE thank you to Christa Tidwell and the community for putting together gift bags!



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