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REACH Literacy Teacher Mahli Garry comes to LifeScape for the literacy classes, held twice a week.



Goals Converging:

Donor-funded Program Helps with Staffing Challenges

Thirty-year-old Beyan Garvelee has a dream. As a recent immigrant to the United States, he hopes to take full advantage of the opportunities his new country can offer. He has worked in direct support for LifeScape for three years, most recently as Lead Direct Support Professional at an adult residential home. As a native of Liberia, he knows English, as that's their official language, but the influence of his local dialect affects his pronunciation. He says he is often told that he is hard to understand, which he finds frustrating.

That Beyan is also hardworking, responsible, and compassionate is confirmed by LifeScape Vice President of Human Resources Jason Schoolmeester. "We see a tremendous opportunity with new American populations who are very attuned to our mission and values," says Jason. "We find that some just need a little extra help with literacy."

Employee Development Coordinator Theresa Wambach-Fox says she heard consistent talk among LifeScape supervisors about great, committed staff, but their English skills were holding them back. She knew REACH Literacy in Sioux Falls had workplace tutoring and contacted them about teaching speaking, reading, and writing skills to non-native English speakers. REACH Director Paige Carda met with LifeScape staff to learn specific needs and proposed a program: One-hour classes twice a week for twelve weeks, with three 12-week sessions in a year. Things moved quickly, and a donor was found to fund one year as a pilot program. The course would be completely voluntary, at no cost to staff, and held at LifeScape, with staff paid for their class time.

With unemployment in Sioux Falls at 1.5%, one of the lowest rates in the United States, hiring enough staff is a challenge. "The more barriers we can take down for qualified, caring people, the easier it will be to meet our mission," says Jason. With a growing number of staff for whom English is a

second language, this program could be a game changer. Jason says they will watch the progress and retention with this group to consider continuing the program.

Beyan hopes to work his way up at LifeScape to manage a residential home or move into other areas like training or fundraising. He's a natural leader and advocate who wants to help coworkers and people he supports to be better versions of themselves. With his strong English skills, he has helped convince coworkers that taking the literacy classes with REACH is a good move.

"This is for folks who want to do more," says Paige. "This will help them continue to move up in their profession and education. Job retention for businesses who do this is also really high, because staff feel valued." She says that in a group, it's harder to quit, and students help and encourage each other. REACH is providing this service to the two major healthcare providers in Sioux Falls, as well as other businesses and organizations.

Paige says they start with the basics like the alphabet and common phrases and split into two groups. "Some people don't even know how to write down their addresses and phone numbers. The second group has some education and needs better English—they know how to study and communicate successfully in their own language."

"This not only helps people reach their career goals," says Theresa. "They can also take those skills to the bank, doctors' offices, helping kids with schoolwork. LifeScape is looking at the whole person – it's a win-win across the board."

Beyan attends the classes at LifeScape, which started with eleven students in January. He helps other students by translating and with computers. "I learn, too," he says. "I don't take this opportunity for granted. We are all very grateful!" He and many like him want to work their way into a good middle-class life. LifeScape wants to excel in its mission to empower people to live their best lives. Thanks to the generosity of a donor, the aspirations of the two groups have converged.



Beyan Garvelee, shown at work at a LifeScape residence with Annette Saia.

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From Our Chief Executive Officer



Steve Watkins
Chief Executive Officer

It's no secret that staffing shortages are a challenge nearly everywhere. In non-profits like ours, it's very difficult to provide the most enticing pay, although we work very hard to remain competitive. Fortunately, work culture is a high priority for many workers, and that's something we CAN influence. So, we are digging in to define and create the "LifeScape Way" of going about our work.

We surveyed our staff and were happy to confirm that LifeScape's employees are HIGHLY connected to our mission, vision, and values. We wanted to know more, so our staff were challenged to share their "Why." Why did they choose a job at LifeScape and why do they stay? The answers, shared among all staff, have been inspiring.

Next, we are asking our employees to spot our organizational values in action, and those anecdotes are being shared. Our values are integrity, compassion, respect, safety & wellbeing, fiscal responsibility, excellence, and accountability, with a different value highlighted each month. Staff are reinforcing and strengthening the culture in every corner of the organization.

As the cover story of this issue demonstrates, we are also investing in our dedicated workers who need better English skills to succeed. This investment provides a more stable workforce, which is critical to the well-being of the people we support. We thank the generous donor who helped make it happen.

Still, meaningful mission-based work in an ethical and fun workplace isn't enough. That's why we continue to raise awareness with our legislators regarding the increased funding that is needed to provide the quality of care that children and adults with disabilities deserve. We have waitlists for children awaiting time-critical care for autism, as well as for other areas of our organization.

Each day at LifeScape we work to empower people to live their best life. That includes our staff as well as those we support. We are able to excel in difficult circumstances, due to the support of people like you.

Thank you and God bless!

Steve Watkins
LifeScape CEO

Community Partner: **Risk Administration Services** Keeps Safety at the Forefront



RISK ADMINISTRATION SERVICES, INC.

As LifeScape's workers' compensation partner, Risk Administration Services, Inc. (RAS) helps LifeScape keep staff and the people we support safer. They do this through workplace safety programs and as a helpful partner in claims management. RAS was established in Sioux Falls over 30 years ago, and aims to be a compassionate, caring and collaborative partner in their work, earning an "excellent" rating from insurance industry analyst AM Best.

"RAS has provided us with some very sophisticated safety analytics to better understand trends and opportunities where we need to be focusing," says Vice President of Human Resources Jason Schoolmeester. "They've helped us immensely in our goal to improve our safety record. Our medical expenses are on a steady trend downward. We are very appreciative of their assistance."

Ergonomics and Loss Control Specialist, Theresa Parish, OTR/L, CEAS I consults with LifeScape on safety in many areas. She provides quarterly ergonomics assessments to ensure workplaces are set up properly to prevent muscle fatigue, tendonitis, and other aches and pains. "LifeScape is really good about making sure staff have good work environments," says Theresa.

She collaborates with LifeScape's Safety Committee to prevent slips, trips, and falls – a particular concern in the winter. To prevent falls on the ice, RAS provided "walk like a penguin" signage, a short video, and recommendations for shaker cups filled with salt or gravel to shake on the ice ahead of them while walking. Staff was incentivized to wear snow boots with good tread. For maintenance staff working outside, they recommended spike-free cleats that also keep floors from being damaged.

Theresa also works with staff and trains our trainers on proper body mechanics to prevent injury when lifting, pushing, bending, and pulling. "Small body mechanic changes can make a big difference in preventing injuries," says Theresa. "Once people try the recommendations, they realize the value."

With her occupational therapy background in sensory processing, Theresa also helps staff avoid injury from challenging behaviors. I remind staff that the behavior isn't always intentional, but it's always communication, and we need to understand this and keep them out of a heightened fight or flight mode. Then, everyone is safer," says Theresa.

A fifth area of collaboration Theresa provides is to coach staff who have had an injury at work and coach them so they feel comfortable returning to full work duties. "Taking good care of staff means they stay longer, which is a benefit for the people you support," Theresa says.

RAS Executive Vice President and co-founder Larry Klaahsen agrees, noting that LifeScape's organizational values fit well with the RAS values of passion for customers, integrity, excellence, leadership, innovation, and teamwork. "The Sioux Falls community is lucky to have an organization like LifeScape to provide services for people close to home," he says. "It's an honor to help provide that support for the community."

Josh Tillma takes part in an art class at the Museum of Visual Materials in Sioux Falls. A group from Adult Day Services attends the classes monthly.



Theresa Parish of RAS measures arm rest height as part of an ergonomics assessment for Children's Services Admissions Coordinator Stephanie Busjahn.



MallWalk Returns to the Empire Mall and Raises \$78,477 for Children and Adults at LifeScape!

It was a boisterous, joyful reunion on February 4th when friends of LifeScape returned to the Empire Mall for the first in-person MallWalk in three years! There were mascots and cosplay groups, a rockin' DJ, yummy cookies, and lots of warm greetings among old friends. Twenty-seven teams and many individuals registered, with hundreds turning out for the 29th annual "walk 'n' roll" fundraiser for LifeScape.

\$78,477 was raised for the Wish List grants the LifeScape Ambassadors will make later this spring. The Wish List is created by staff and adults supported by LifeScape, and includes basic living needs, life enrichment activities, and therapy, medical, and educational needs not covered by other funding sources. Grants are given for all areas of LifeScape in Sioux Falls and for the outpatient center in Rapid City.

MallWalk is hosted by the LifeScape Ambassadors, with First Premier Bank/Premier Bankcard as the corporate sponsor for many years. Other sponsors are shown in the box below. In 2021 and 2022, the event was held online in response to the pandemic. Event co-chairs were Vonny Revell and Lisa Zens, carrying on an excellent tradition from two longtime past chairs, Kathy Hammond and Erin Horstmeyer before her.



The first-place team of Smiley Goats, led by Jeff and Erin Horstmeyer, raised \$7,922.97. The second-place team was the LifeScape Leaders, raising \$2,860.00. The top fundraising individual was Jeff Horstmeyer, bringing in \$3,070.75. Anna Olson was the second highest individual fundraiser, bringing in \$1,095.25. We thank all the fundraisers, donors, and volunteers for their parts in making MallWalk #29 a fabulous event! We are already planning for next year, so mark your calendar for MallWalk's 30th anniversary event on February 3rd, 2024!

To learn more about becoming an Ambassador, visit LifeScapeSD.org/Ambassadors or email Ambassadors@LifeScapeSD.org

From Our Foundation President



Jessica Wells
LifeScape Foundation President

We all need a purpose in life. Many of us are driven by goals, things we want to accomplish before a certain date, milestones in life that will define success. Incorrectly, we often interchange the two, believing if we reach our goals, we have purpose to our days. The pages of this issue of The Journey are full of people living out their purpose in life. In broad scope, these many individual purposes combine to make a significant impact of improving the lives of others.

Purpose ripples impact through the lives of not only the 4,000+ children and adults supported by LifeScape, but also their families, the staff who work with them, and our community. It is true that the needs are great, and it is impossible for one person alone to solve them. That is why we need each other, why every gift of support is important.

The addition of a basic literacy program at LifeScape strengthens the quality of support for those who need our care and expertise. Speaking, reading, and writing better English helps our workforce function better within the community as well. LifeScape is committed to empowering all people to live their best lives, not just the individuals we support, but our employees, too.

LifeScape has a commitment to provide housing opportunities that maintain an individual's dignity and safety. We continue to build new residential homes through a partnership with the South Dakota Housing Development Authority and the South Dakota Housing Trust Fund. We are grateful to Furniture Mart for assisting us in furnishing the new homes with comfortable, durable furniture. We will continue to meet the housing needs of adults in our care with respectable, well-maintained living options.

We are grateful to groups like Hamsters USA, the Scottish Rite, and the South Dakota Elks—among others—who put their purpose into action by helping us move more children off waitlists for autism services, speech-language therapy, and outreach support. We thank our state legislators who recognize the need for providers like LifeScape to deliver the care required by the state and who support adequate funding to meet these needs. We extend our gratitude to those who support MallWalk, meeting LifeScape's equipment and program needs, and to volunteers who donate their time to brighten lives.

Defining one's purpose isn't always easy and sometimes doesn't feel like enough. But if you build with others, the impact can be great! Invite a friend to join you in defining their purpose by helping others. We are grateful you have chosen LifeScape to be part of your purpose in life. You make a difference every day.

Thank you for inviting LifeScape to be part of your purpose,

Sincerely,

Jessica Wells

Jessica B. Wells
LifeScape Foundation President

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Volunteering For The Soul!

By Guest Columnist Anna Olson

Hey! My name is Anna Olson and I love to volunteer in my community. Volunteering helps me think about good things. I enjoy helping people and being around people. I like encouraging people when they are frightened or having a bad day.

At Caille Library one morning a week, I shelve easy reader and children's fiction books, sometimes picture books too! I enjoy the library because it's a quiet place. I like being at the library while all the children are there for story hour and enjoy my camaraderie with the library staff. I like looking at all different kinds of library books while I'm there and reading the newspapers.

At church, I sing soprano in the church choir. I've been in either school or church choir ever since 4th grade. I like all the steps to get ready for singing in the church service, including being with my choir friends and thinking about what we're singing about. I enjoy making a "joyful noise" to the Lord!

In the Achievement Room at LifeScape, there are several ways I volunteer. When they're out of eating utensils or straws, I go to the cafeteria to get more. I like to sit with one of my buddies to keep him company while he eats. Sometimes when someone is sad or having a hard day, I will color or do a puzzle with them. Once a week, some of my friends and I go to the Banquet and wrap silverware. I like the people at the Banquet.

I love to write encouraging letters, so that allows me to volunteer all over the world! Many different people have received letters from me, including cousins, aunts and uncles, missionaries, church friends, and staff at LifeScape. I have a great-uncle in his 90's in North Carolina who is my pen pal. I love my family, and writing letters makes me feel close to them, even though we live far apart.



Anna restocking books at the library---one of the many ways she works to make the world a better place.

Volunteering is a way I show compassion and kindness to other people. I'm glad I get to volunteer.

Volunteering is good,

Volunteering is grand,

Volunteering, Volunteering,

The best you ever had!

LifeScape Education Aide Awarded National Honor

A LifeScape education aide has been recognized for excellence in meeting the needs of children with special needs. Lead Teaching Assistant Jackie Kocak was named the 2023 Direct Care Worker of the Year by the National Association of Private Special Education Centers (NAPSEC). It currently represents over 200 programs nationally. She received the award at the NAPSEC Annual Leadership Conference in New Orleans on January 17th.

As a 20-year member of the LifeScape Specialty School staff, Jackie is widely seen as the perfect teaching assistant. She is calm, gentle, and patient with her students. She mentors other staff, supports the teachers, and has an unflinching positive attitude. She is thorough in her work and ensures others are, too, recognizing the vital importance of their work with children gaining skills.

"She was the one who taught me how to interact with the students," says Education Program Specialist Shelly Bohy. Shelly had joined the staff as a young teacher 20 years ago-- her first time working with kids with communication barriers and significant medical needs. "I watched the way Jackie interacted with the students. She talked to them, making eye contact, knowing they would not always be able to respond but assuming that they knew what she was saying to them. She was gentle and would explain to them what was happening. She would include them in everything she was doing and ensured that each of them had a way to participate, despite their physical barriers."

Jackie was also recognized with a House Commemoration by the South Dakota State Legislature for her achievement.

Typically humble, Jackie says she doesn't understand all the fuss--she's just doing her job--but that she loves the children and her work with them. Jackie will retire at the end of this school year, but her example has taught and inspired everyone she's worked with over the years, creating a legacy of excellence and respect.

Congratulations to Jackie for this well-deserved award!



Jackie, second from left, received the award at a conference in New Orleans. Also shown, left to right, are Superintendent Dr. Vicki Isler of the LifeScape Specialty School, Jackie's husband David, and Vice President of Residential & Education Gerry Tracy. Since 1971, NAPSEC has supported student access to quality special education programs.

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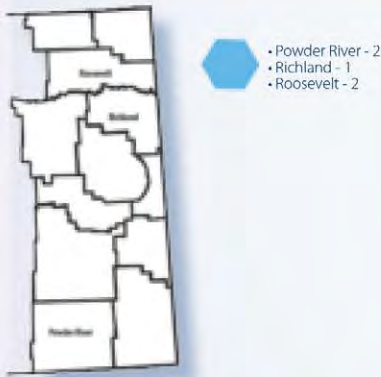
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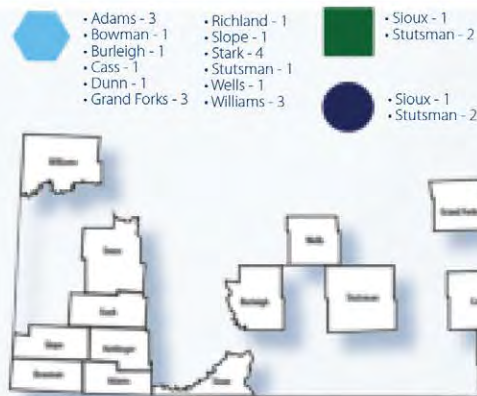
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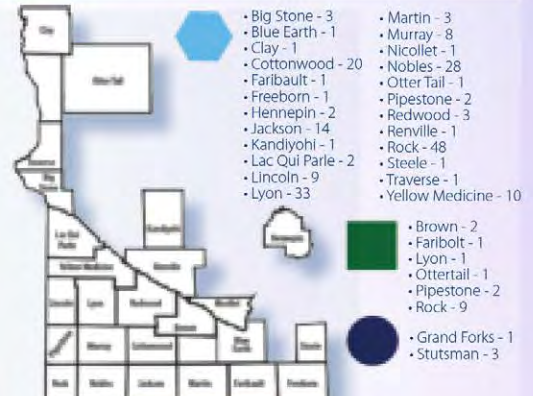
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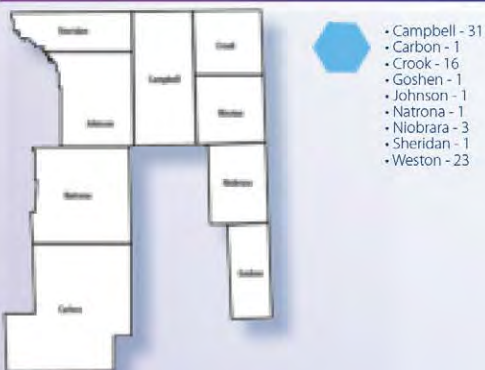
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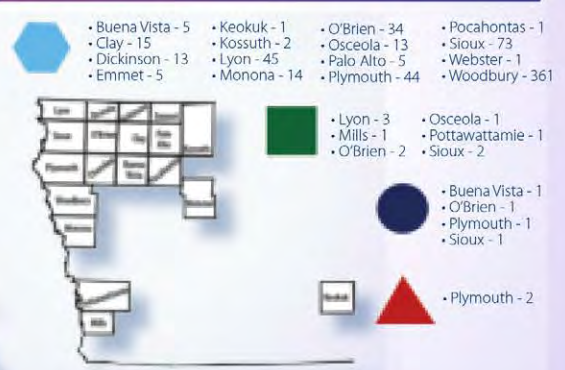
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1,064 Children & Adults were Served Out-of-State in 2022

- **Children's Services: Includes Specialty Hospital, Residential, Specialty School & Pathways**
29 children served from three surrounding states; Iowa, Minnesota, and North Dakota.
- **Outreach/Outpatient Services:**
12 children and adults served from four states; Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and Nebraska.
- ▲ **Adult Community-Based Services**
2 adults served from Iowa.
- ⬡ **Outpatient**
1,036 children and adults served from all six surrounding states.

4,556 People from South Dakota and Surrounding States were Served by LifeScope in Fiscal Year 2022

An additional 3,283 patients were served through LifeScope affiliate RISE Custom Solutions from centers in Sioux Falls & Rapid City.

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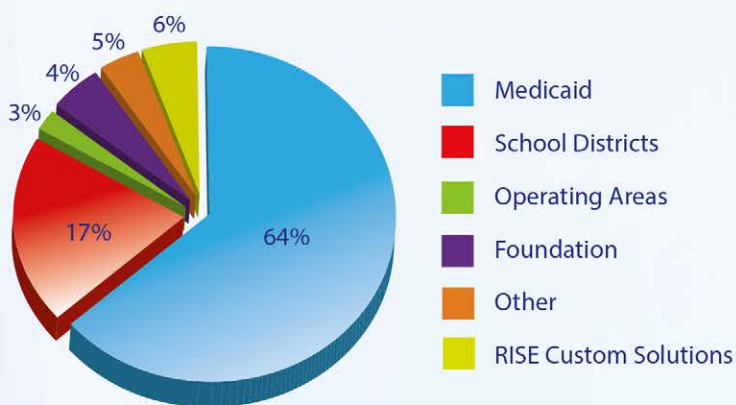


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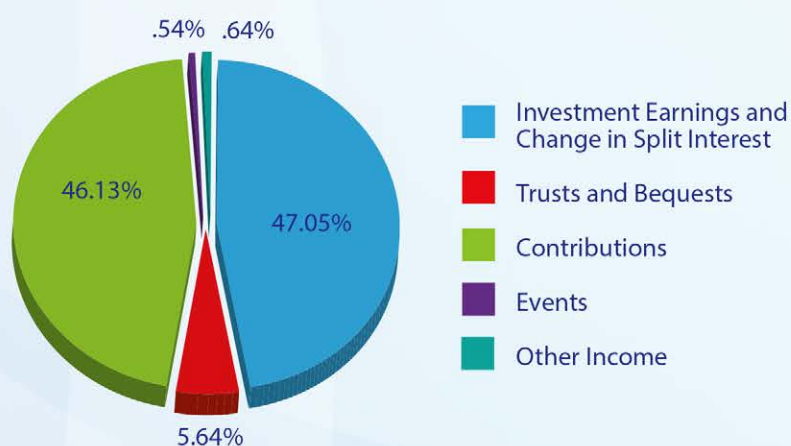


2022 LifeScape Audited Expenses Total: \$74,427,059



2022 LifeScape Foundation Audited Revenues Total: \$8,762,329

Net Unrealized Loss on Investments of \$14,767,945 is not included below.



2022 LifeScape Foundation Audited Expenses Total: \$4,747,651

Of the total expenses, \$2,451,394 is a distribution to the service provider LifeScape. This amount is determined by the LifeScape Foundation's spending policy of distributing 4% of the 16-quarter rolling average of the endowment's market value. The policy protects the endowment from inflation, provides for endowment growth, and makes possible a distribution amount for program support. An additional \$1,081,696 was provided through donor designated grant support to LifeScape.



Upcoming LifeScape Events!

March 25, 2023: "Empowered" special on KDLT-TV. Tune in at 6:30pm Central Time for a half-hour special on the great people of LifeScape! After airing, "Empowered" will be posted at DakotaNewsNow.com

March 29, 2023: East River Electric Online Auction for LifeScape. A silent auction to benefit LifeScape at EastRiverforLifeScape.org, March 29th, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Online preview of auction items starts March 20th.

March 30, 2023: East River Electric 4-Wheeler Raffle for LifeScape. 300 tickets available at \$100 each at EastRiverforLifeScape.org. Drawing is March 30 for the Polaris Ranger 1000 Premium, with 2nd prize \$500.

April 22, 2023: LifeScape Night at the Stampede. Use the link at LifeScapeSD.org for \$15 tickets, with \$5 donated back to LifeScape. Gametime is 6:00 p.m. at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls.

April 28, 2023: Artability. An art show hosted by the Mayor's Disability Awareness and Accessibility Review Board (DAARB) for local artists with disabilities to showcase their work. 6:00-8:00 p.m. at The Underground by Rehfeld's, 431 N. Phillips Ave., Sioux Falls.

June 4-9, 2023: Camp Bravo. A day camp for children of all abilities ages 8-21. Led by the LifeScape Center for the Arts and Black Hills Playhouse Junior, campers will learn about theater, culminating in the performance of "Space School Musical!"

June 9, 2023: Space School Musical. Free to the public. Time TBA at the Edith Mortensen Theater at Augustana University.

June 24, 2023: Rock 'n' Roll Rally. For this poker run, Lifescape is teaming up with Vern Eide for a day of fun and motorcycles!

July 21-23, 2023: 54th Annual Winner Elks Rodeo. Three days of classic rodeo events at the Winner, SD Fairgrounds to benefit children's outreach services across South Dakota.

September 22-24: Camp Create. Retreat for artists with disabilities at Joy Ranch with artist Ari Albright.

September 2023: HomeSlice Hope for the Hills Radiothon-Rapid City. The six HomeSlice Group radio stations will air uplifting LifeScape stories of hope to benefit LifeScape, Rapid City. Date to be determined.

October 12, 2023: HomeSlice Hope for the Hills Radiothon-Rapid City. The six HomeSlice Group radio stations will air uplifting LifeScape stories of hope to benefit LifeScape, Rapid City.

October 13, 2023: One Autumn Night. The LifeScape Ambassadors will host an evening of fun at the Country Club of Sioux Falls with live music, a silent auction, and more. Proceeds benefit our Wish List.

October 14, 2023: 5th Annual LifeScape Cornhole Tournament. The LifeScape Ambassadors will host an evening of fun at the Country Club of Sioux Falls with live music, a silent auction, and more. Proceeds benefit our Wish List.

November 16-19, 2023: Center for the Arts theater production. For adults 18 and above, in collaboration with Augustana University. Production and details TBD.

February 3, 2024: MallWalk 30. The LifeScape Ambassadors will celebrate their 30th annual MallWalk. Join us at the Empire Mall to Walk 'n' Roll for LifeScape! LifeScapeMallWalk.org will open for registrations and fundraising in November!

February 16-18, 2024: Camp Create. Retreat for artists with disabilities at Joy Ranch with artist Ari Albright.

Third Monday of the Month, September through May: LifeScape Ambassador Meetings. The Ambassadors support children and adults through activities and fundraising. 11:45 luncheon meeting with speaker at LifeScape's Children's Services, 2501 W. 26th Street in Sioux Falls. Contact Ambassadors@LifeScapeSD.org to get involved!

Dairy Queen fundraiser nights are now in Mitchell, Yankton, Brookings, as well as in Sioux Falls. Visit www.LifeScapeSD.org to see when to visit for 10% of your purchase to be donated back to LifeScape!

Get details on all these events at www.LifeScapeSD.org, or call the LifeScape Foundation at (605) 444-9600.

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Three-year-old Legend Swenson works on fine motor skills with Occupational Therapist Robyn Privett at LifeScape Rehabilitation Center in Sioux Falls.



Impact Takes Many Shapes



Kameron Nelson
Director of Major Gifts

There are several ways you can impact LifeScape's mission. Your gifts can fulfill a philanthropy goal, show children the many benefits of being generous, or are great ways to recognize important people in your life through tribute or memorial gifts. The LifeScape Foundation has a dual purpose in supporting LifeScape: First, we have strategies to provide immediate, annual funding through unrestricted and temporarily restricted support. Second, we are safeguarding the future sustainability of LifeScape through support from the endowment and permanently restricted gifts. We are committed to transparency. If you ever wonder how your gift was utilized, please just ask! Here are some ways your gift could be used by LifeScape to maximize impact on the mission:

Unrestricted Gifts: Any gift a donor has not restricted to a specific purpose is treated as an unrestricted gift. The LifeScape Foundation utilizes these gifts as part of the annual distribution of support to LifeScape and to help fund the most immediate needs of the organization. Unrestricted support gives the LifeScape Foundation the most flexibility to shift support to unexpected needs that arise.

Temporarily Restricted Gifts: We keep a wish list of equipment and program needs such as therapy gait trainers, home remodels and new construction, school pictures and so much more. Temporarily restricted gifts also support special programs and activities like Center for the Arts, community activities like baseball games, gym memberships, bowling leagues, and staff recognition. We keep track of all gifts and how they are used so you can

reach out at any time and ask us. We strive to utilize this support right away to ensure an immediate impact.

Endowment/Permanently Restricted Gifts: LifeScape has a quasi-endowment that the board of directors treats like a permanent endowment, and we also have a permanent endowment. These gifts are invested in a mix of assets made up of roughly 75% equities, 24% fixed, and 1% cash equivalent investments. Each year, to determine how much support we can provide from invested assets, we take a 16 rolling-quarter average of the investment value and distribute 4% of that for use by LifeScape. The 16-quarter average smooths out swings in the market, and the 4% distribution allows the principle to grow. The board of directors' adopted investment and spending policies provide LifeScape with a predictable income stream from the foundation while also protecting the original gifts.

Estate gifts, gifts of stock or property, cash, and all other gifts can be restricted to a specific purpose, left unrestricted, or be invested into the endowment. When making a gift, consider what impact you want to make in what timeframe and let us know. The needs continue to grow and change as the population we support changes. Your support, whether unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted to the endowment—through an annual gift or estate gift—are needed today! We are grateful for the generosity of donors like you, who see the needs and want to make a difference.

Rapid City Speech-Language Pathologist Heather Bradley plays a cooperation game with seven-year-old Rowan Mudlin to help him develop expressive and receptive language skills.



Needs & Dreams Wish List

Your gift helps change lives.

Here's what your gift can buy for the kids and adults supported by LifeScape:

Big Dreams

- Smart Board
- Tobii Dynavox I-110 Communication Device

\$2,500

- Small Hi-Lo Training Staircase
- Rent Assistance
- Food Assistance

\$1,000

- Home Modifications
- Therapy Equipment

\$750

- Protective Head Gear
- Adaptive Aquatics Scholarships
- Horsepower Fees

\$500

- Hearing Assistive Device
- Medical Bill Assistance

\$350

- Portable Treadmill

\$200

- iPod Touch
- GoTalk 4+ AAC/Communication Device

\$100

- Language Builder Picture Cards
- Visa Card for essential daily living needs and community activities

\$50

- Hy-Vee or Target Gift Card
- Jelly Bean Switch

\$25

- Men's/Boy's Underwear
- Restaurant Gift Cards
- Arts and Crafts Supplies

If you wish to donate for one of the above needs, please circle the dollar amount and check the need you're interested in funding. Clip this form and mail it with your gift.

Or, scan this QR code to link to our donation page on LifeScapeSD.org



Thank you for your generous support!



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Thank You to the Many Groups that Bring Joy to Our LifeScape Community!

Gifts in Honor

January 1 through December 31, 2022

Tribute(s) for Todd Anderson
Julie Gehm

Nicki Backhaus
Shelbi and Neil Backhaus

Tribute(s) for Jack Billion
Allyson Messerschmidt

Tribute(s) for Piper Blaisdell
Kathy and Doug Blomker

Tribute(s) for Greyson Bonestroo
D & J Trucking

Tribute(s) for Alex J. Campbell
Ron and Kathy Butterfield

Tribute(s) for Lauren Christensen
Gerald L. Klein

Tribute(s) for Kendyl Doran
Julie Gehm

Tribute(s) for Michael Dunkle
Karl and Ruth Dunkle

Tribute(s) for Cheryl Erpenbach
Amy Ast
Joan Erpenbach

Tribute(s) for Ephraim N. Flicek
Catherine Flicek

Tribute(s) for Dalton Foster
Kari Dyer-Bergh and Michael Bergh
Ron & Judi Person

Tribute(s) for Derek Fugate
Arnis and John Knutson

Tribute(s) for Stuart Gabriel
Sheila Wassom

Tribute(s) for Adam Geffre
Andrew Geffre
Beckie Geffre
Debbie Griewski

Tribute(s) for Christian Green
Dawna and Jerald Eiesland

Tribute(s) for Lee M. Haeder
Rob and Tracy Haeder

Tribute(s) for Bennett Humpherys
Julie Gehm

Tribute(s) for Our Incredible Clients
Anonymous

Tribute(s) for Thomas L. Kaspar
Steve and Angela Watkins

Tribute(s) for Judith G. Kirby
Thoms Company
Real Estate

Tribute(s) for Jackson Lefers
Gordon and Wyona Lefers

Tribute(s) for Kimberly J. Marso
Gerry and Alexis Tracy

Tribute(s) for Mariah Matthies
Charlie and Donna Beck

Tribute(s) for Tara Mayes
Maria Aguayo

Tribute(s) for Debra McClosky
Anonymous

Tribute(s) for Tyler Miller
Sharel Wieman

Tribute(s) for Tony L. Morrison
Kim Amundson

Tribute(s) for Kathy A. Peterson
Sara and Bradley Peterson

Tribute(s) for Donna Pilcher
Larry and Catherine Piersol

Tribute(s) for Kenneth R. Reed
Dawn and David Sutherland

Tribute(s) for RESPEC
Rodger Arnold
Karen Brady
Regina Crowell
Kerry DeVries
Becca Gollither
Anonymous
Crystal Hocking
Jake Leone
Jason Love
Jason Miller
Jay Nopola
John Osnes
Starla Otto Konechne
Anonymous
Lacy Pomarleau
Peter Rausch
Maggie Sebert
Christina Stewart
Sam Voegeli
Haiyan Zhou
Sigurds Zvejnieks

Tribute(s) for Dana Sue Saner
Scott and Denise Peterson
Geraldine and Jerroll Saner

Tribute(s) for Rebecca Sluiter
Sue and Ronald Struck

Tribute(s) for Jocelyn J. Smith
Katrina Kirchner

Tribute(s) for Olivia Storley
Anonymous

Tribute(s) for Mary A. Suire
Ron and Mary Suire

Tribute(s) for Ryan Sylva
Margie Peters

Tribute(s) for Abram Tommeraus
Gordon and Wyona Lefers

Tribute(s) for Gerry Tracy
Timothy and Kathleen Tracy

Tribute(s) for Heidi Valer
James and Barb Valer

Tribute(s) for Avery Vink
Rebecca and George Letexier

Tribute(s) for Kevin D. Wheeler
Justin and Lisa Fink

Tribute(s) for Kat Zimmerman
Ken and Pam Stubberud

All City Elementary ' Kids Care' Teams
ARISE Church
Youth Group
Banditos MC
Bellator Titans MC
Black Hills Cornhole Association
Boy Scout Troop #162
Brandon Lutheran Church
WELCA Sewing Ladies
CCL Label
Central States Manufacturing, Inc.
Citi
Citi Global Community Day Team
Corsica Youth Group
Dakota Spirit Team
Delaware Reformed Church, Lennox
El Riad Shrine Clowns
EmBe
First PREMIER Bank
First United Methodist Men's Group
Fourteen Foods Dairy Queen, Mitchell, SD
Fourteen Foods Dairy Queen, Brookings, SD

Fourteen Foods Dairy Queen, Sioux Falls - 26th St
Fourteen Foods Dairy Queen, Sioux Falls - 57th St
Fourteen Foods Dairy Queen, Sioux Falls - Kiwanis Ave
Fourteen Foods Dairy Queen, Sioux Falls - East 10th St
Fourteen Foods Dairy Queen, Sioux Falls - MN Ave
Fourteen Foods Dairy Queen, Yankton, SD
Ghost Bonnet MC
Girl Scout Troop #40058
Girl Scout Troop Brandon Valley- Garretson
Girls Scouts Dakota Horizons
Great Plains Watercolor Society
Hamsters USA
HelpLine Center
HelpLine SALSA Program
Home Builders Association
ISG, Inc
Jefferson High School
Last Stop CD Shop - East 10th st

Last Stop CD Shop - 41st Levitt at the Falls
LifeScape Ambassadors
LifeScape Foundation Team
Lincoln High School
Linwood Wesleyan Youth Groups
Lloyd Companies
LOVE Sioux Falls
NAWIC (National Association of Women in Construction)
O'Gorman 8th Grade Girls Group
Once Upon a Child
Padres Thrift Store
Papa Woody's Wood Fired Pizza
PDR Hunt
Plains Commerce Bank
Ransom Church
RAS Companies, Sioux Falls, SD
Roosevelt High School
Sanford Business & Revenue Cycle Departments
Sanford Genetics Counseling Department
Sanford Health; Health Information Operations

Scheels, Sioux Falls
Sertoma Club
Sew to Share Group
SilverStone Group, LLC, a HUB International Company
Sioux Empire Baseball Association (SEBA)
Sioux Falls Canaries Baseball
Sioux Falls Christian Elementary School
Sioux Falls Fire Department
Siouxland Nursing Group
South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks
South Dakota Symphony
Dakota String Quartet
South Dakota Symphony
Dakota Wind Quintet
St. Lamberts Youth Girls Group
St. Magdalen Catholic Church Lennox Youth Group
Staples, Inc, Store #1237
Swamp Daddy's Cajun Kitchen
Syverson Tile & Stone, Sioux Falls

Target Store #2540 Employees
The Crew
The First National Bank in Sioux Falls
The Keg Chicken - 10th St
The Keg Chicken - West
The Outdoor Campus
The Point is to Serve! Youth Group
Thrivent
Toy Run
Trent River Camp
Tri-Valley High School Girls Volleyball Team (District 49-6)
TUBA Christmas
Twisted Drifters MC
U.S. Bank
United Methodist Church
University of South Dakota, Cultural Immersion Program/
Family Medicine
University of South Dakota, Special Education Program Students
Urban Plunge
Vern Eide Mitsubishi
Vern Eide Motoplex
Young Professionals Network (YPN)

Leave a Legacy

Imagine leaving a legacy that will help provide lives of dignity and fulfillment for countless people with disabilities. Through your estate planning, you can make a difference far into the future, while providing tax advantages now for yourself and your family. As you review or write your will, consider including a charitable bequest for the LifeScape Foundation. The assets you provide will be carefully invested, and only the interest is used. In this way, your gift will continue to provide for individuals with special needs indefinitely. Your attorney can advise you on the language to use. It is commonly worded as below:

I give, devise, or bequeath to the LifeScape Foundation, a South Dakota corporation, for its real purposes, all (or a fraction) of the rest, residue, or remainder of my estate whether real or personal.

For more information on how you can help those supported by LifeScape—even beyond your lifetime—please call the Foundation office at **(605) 444-9800**.

Ways to Give

- **Sustainer Club!** – Set up a convenient monthly gift of \$15 or more, which can even be automatically charged to your credit card or deducted from your checking account.
- **Matching Gifts** – Check with your employer to see if they will match charitable contributions or volunteer hours made by their employees.
- **Airline Miles** – Donate your frequent flyer miles to provide transportation to children and adults in need.
- **Join our email list** – and help us save paper and postage. Send your email address to giving@LifeScapeSD.org
- **Tribute Gifts** – Tribute giving is a way to recognize, honor, and celebrate people that are important to you while giving back to LifeScape.

These are just a few of the many ways you can give to support LifeScape! To learn more, contact the LifeScape Foundation at 605-444-9800 or giving@lifescapesd.org. Or, visit www.lifescapesd.org/foundation.

