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## Member Spotlight: Brianne Hawkins

*Photo and answers courtesy of Brianne Hawkins.*

### How has LCS prepared you for your future career?

LCS has prepared me for my future career by giving me the chance to build up my public speaking skills, allowing me to work in different environments so I'm pretty adaptable, and giving me the chance to go further in the job I have now. It has helped develop my professionalism and people skills in a huge way.

### What is your favorite part about working at the Boys and Girls Club?

The kids! I love working with the kids at the club, it's never a boring day, and I have a lot of love to give to them! The only drawback from being a full time staff there is that I work up at the front, and not in the music room where my heart is. I only see the kids when they are in trouble, or when they come to work my nerves.



**When do you graduate and what are your plans after graduation?**

After graduation, I plan on taking a much needed break from school (only a semester) and spend my time working and volunteering at the Child Advocacy Center to get my foot in the door for future opportunities. After the spring and summer semester are

over, I plan to attend Grad School (God willing I get in) in the Fall of 2019.

**What are you going to miss the most about being an MSU student?**

All the free things you get on campus! Also, I'll miss all the resources you get being a student, that you don't get being a regular citizen of Springfield.

**What is the most important lesson you learned during your college career?**

Having a reliable support system is essential to being the best you, and living your best life. It is hard to juggle school, work, social life, and all the other things we have to, but making time to have a night where you release all your stress is so important to your overall mental health.

**Agency Spotlight: Boys and Girls Club-Henderson Unit**

*Photos and answers courtesy of Lauren Gann, Programs Director of the Boys and Girls Club.*

**What is the mission of the Boys and Girls Club?**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield provide programs that guide and direct youth from all backgrounds, particularly those from at-risk environments.

Through social, physical, and educational development activities, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield teach youth the values of life, strengthen their self-esteem, and make them better citizens of our community.

Being located in Zone 1, we strive to make the biggest impact we can on our members and their families because they truly are the ones that need us the most. One of our biggest goals is to make the club feel as a second family for our members and in order to do that we follow our Formula

for Impact. We take the young people that need us the most, give them outcome driven club experiences, which in turn equals priority outcomes such as graduating from high school, pursuing a higher education and being productive members of our community.



## How have LCS members impacted the Boys and Girls Club?

Brianne Hawkins, Yolanda Salas, and Sarah Hassan have been the three LCS members that have worked with me since I started as Program Director in July of 2015. I cannot express how much of a positive impact these ladies have made on our organization. Members love Ms. Brianne because she is so fun and positive; she is literally like a ray of

has honestly been a rock for our clubhouse. She began her time here as an LCS worker, got hired on as a Gym YDP, and now is our Teen Director. Since becoming our Teen Director,

one of the things that I have heard over and over again is, "Wow! I didn't realize the club had this much to offer!" The club is not just a daycare. We sincerely strive to make our

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Sarah has made valuable community partnerships and programs for our teens. Members love Ms. Sarah

youth successful members of the community, and we are determined to impact their lives in a positive way. The Henderson Unit is just one of four clubs in Springfield, and one of thousands in the world. The Boys & Girls Club is a national movement that is sparked all throughout the world and it is an honor for us to be a part of that. Each club in Springfield has a

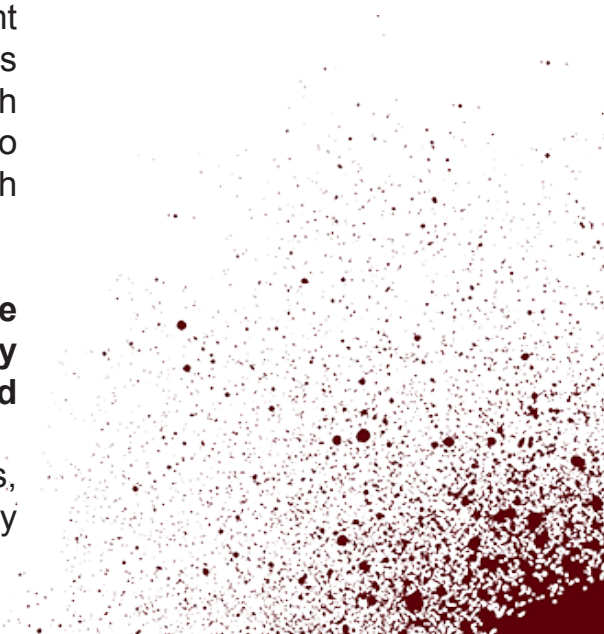


sunshine when they walk in the door each day after school. Ms. Yoli is one of the most genuine of people that I have ever met. Members love Ms. Yoli because they can tell she cares. She takes the extra time to talk to members who are having issues, which truly makes such an impact in their lives. Patience is such as great quality to have when working with youth. Ms. Sarah

because she is an excellent listener and motivator. She is constantly inspiring our youth and is determined daily to help people in general reach their goals in life.

## What is something the public doesn't typically know about the Boys and Girls Club?

When I give tours to parents, or members of the community





## Service Projects

- 1. Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake:** Thursday, October 4th from 5pm-8pm or Saturday October 6th from 1:30pm-4pm, 4:30pm-7pm. Located at Andy B's. Volunteers will help with merchandise, raffle/strikes sales, and concessions. Contact [lcs@missouristate.edu](mailto:lcs@missouristate.edu) if interested.
- 2. Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks Hooked on Dance:** Friday, October 5th from 4-9pm. Located at University Plaza Convention Center. Volunteers(10) will help make sure wine bottles stay replenished on the tables. It's a great opportunity for volunteers to network with approximately 1,000 of Springfield's business leaders. Contact Sam Pippin at [sam@bcfo.org](mailto:sam@bcfo.org) or 417-861-8267 if interested.
- 3. Balloon Release and Remembrance Walk for Mommies Enduring Neonatal Death:** Saturday, October 14th from 8 am-12:30 pm. Located at the Second Baptist Church 3111, E. Battlefield Road. Volunteers will help set up the event, assist with event activities, and help with tear down. \*Volunteers should be understanding that this will be a more somber event than what they experience with other organizations. Attendees have experienced a great loss, therefore the event calls for volunteers who are extremely empathetic and compassionate.\* Contact [lcs@missouristate.edu](mailto:lcs@missouristate.edu) if interested.
- 4. Hand in Hand Multicultural Center Flu Shot Clinic:** Tuesday, October 23rd from 3pm-7pm. Located at Hand in Hand Multicultural Center. Volunteers will assist within the clinic or help pass out flyers in the surrounding neighborhoods (a couple weeks prior to the event). Contact Isabel Diaz at [isadiaz023223@gmail.com](mailto:isadiaz023223@gmail.com) if interested.
- 5. Springfield Dream Center Halloween Bash:** Wednesday, October 31st from 6-7:30pm. Located at the Springfield Dream Center. Volunteers can either work as a group to create a game/activity for the kids or they can volunteer individually to help as needed during the event. Contact [lcs@missouristate.edu](mailto:lcs@missouristate.edu) if interested.

### Important Dates:

October 3rd	4:00-5:00pm	Adopt-A-Street, National Ave
October 3rd	6:00-7:00pm	Monthly Meeting, Strong 204
November 3rd	12:00-1:00pm	Adopt-A-Street, National Ave
November 7th	6:00-7:00pm	Monthly Meeting, Strong 204
December 5th	6:00-8:00pm	Holiday Party (Location TBA)

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