



## Member Spotlight: Bridgette Allen

*Photo and answers courtesy of Bridgette Allen.*

### How have you seen LCS impact your life?

LCS has allowed me to work in a non-profit setting again which I enjoy. I feel very fulfilled at the end of the day.

### What is your favorite memory from working at the Humane Society?

My favorite part about working at the humane society is the look on the animals faces when they are adopted. We have some long term residents that recently got adopted and you can tell they know they are leaving and they get so excited.

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

I graduate this December! I plan on finishing out my lease and then moving out of state for work.

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

I will miss most the friends I have made at Missouri State and walking around such a beautiful campus during the spring and fall.

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

Everyone does things in their own time, my clock doesn't run on other people's time and vice versa. Plans change and that's okay as long as you work hard and are open to the change. Your first path isn't always the best one for you.



**Agency Spotlight: Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks**

*Answers courtesy of Samuel Pippin,  
Senior Financial Director.*

**What is the mission of the Breast Cancer Foundation and how do you see it making an impact?**

Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks (BCFO) provides resources and support for local individuals and families impacted by

breast cancer. The goals of BCFO are to establish a charitable fund to meet financial needs of individuals with breast cancer and their families, advocate for issues not currently focused on by other area resources, provide information for accessing

second opinions, promote breast cancer awareness for those under 40, increase awareness of treatment options and resources for all stages of breast cancer and to provide information not included in current breast health problems.

**What is your favorite part about the Breast Cancer Foundation?**

The best part of being a part of BCFO is seeing the wonderful work we do to help families in our local community that are going through a difficult stage of their life, specifically dealing with the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

**How have LCS members impacted your organization?**

LCS members, as well as all of our volunteers, are a very important part of what we do at BCFO as they are integral in helping us to execute our



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a surprise to the general public. Specifically, that BCFO provides financial assistance to hundreds of individuals and families each year that are making

**What is your favorite memory from working with the Breast Cancer Foundation?**

Each year BCFO has a spring event called A Time to Share in which we have a dinner and fashion show with all of our runway models being breast cancer survivors. It is a great opportunity for our local breast cancer survivors to have an evening of fun with their families and fellow survivors and it is absolutely a great event each and every year. These annual events for our survivors are my favorite memories from being a part of BCFO.

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*- Samuel Pippin*

fundraising goals through various events and activities, which is critical for us to have the resources we need to provide the programs and services we provide in our community to those impacted by breast cancer.

**What is one thing that the public doesn't usually know about the Breast Cancer Foundation?**

The level and amount of services that BCFO provides throughout southwest Missouri would probably be

their way through breast cancer treatment, as well as providing approximately 1,000 free screening mammogram vouchers each year, along with numerous other programs and services. All of this is accomplished with a very small staff of four full-time and two part-time employees, which is another reason why volunteers are extremely important for the continued successful implementation of BCFO's mission in our community.





## Service Projects

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1. **Northwest Project Life 360 Community Dinners:** Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 2:00 PM, Life 360 Church hosts a community dinner at The Fairbanks. Register to volunteer at <https://www.givepulse.com/group/115867-The-Northwest-Project>
2. **Convoy of Hope Helping Hands:** Every Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM, Convoy of Hope holds a packing session for emergency supplies. No need to sign up, just come to Convoy of Hope and sign in at 6:30.
3. **FosterAdopt Connect Clothes Sorting:** Help sort clothing that will be sold in the store at FosterAdopt Connect. If interested, contact [LCS@missouristate.edu](mailto:LCS@missouristate.edu).
4. **Victory Mission Food Pantry:** Victory Mission provides food assistance to individuals and families throughout the year. Each week almost 250 bags of food are handed out. If you're interested in putting these emergency supplies together, contact [LCS@missouristate.edu](mailto:LCS@missouristate.edu).
5. **Boys and Girls Club GEM Event:** On December 1st, the club staff hosted the 1st annual GEM (girl empowerment movement) summit to inspire and uplift young girls.

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