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Spirit of Volunteerism Award – Group Category: Bread Break

SIoux FALLS – Bread Break is the Helpline Center 2017 Spirit of Volunteerism Award winner in the Group category. Bread Break members received the award Thursday at the Spirit of Volunteerism Luncheon, an annual event that honors Sioux Empire volunteers for the impact they make on the community. The event is a project of Helpline Center. 2017 marks the 35th year the Helpline Center has presented volunteer appreciation awards.

Bread Break is a food-harvesting mission working with restaurants, businesses and cafeterias to collect unused prepared food which can be frozen and distributed to ministry centers such as the Food Pantry, the Banquet, Veterans Outreach Assistance Center, St. Francis House, and many more. Bread Break, part of Messiah New Hope, hosts the Mobile Food Pantry the second Thursday of each month where a meal is provided to 80 to 120 families. Bread Break also hosts a supper every Wednesday for the local neighborhood and has a fully stocked food pantry.

Currently, there are 36 providers with 14,000 to 20,000 pounds of food per month delivered to 21 non-profit agencies. The concept for Bread Break began with Mike and Jean Bauman in conversation with their pastor. Now, thanks to the program, individuals are assisted through tough financial situations with good, nourishing foods that might have been otherwise thrown away.

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The Helpline Center's Volunteer Connections Program provides the community with ways to connect with volunteer opportunities as well as offer non-profit organizations volunteer recruitment assistance and support for volunteer managers. To learn more go to volunteer.helplinecenter.org or dial 211.