



Public Service Announcement

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**Helpline Center & Black Hills Urgent Care name August
Volunteer of the Month**

RAPID CITY - The Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care are pleased to announce that Joel Guptill has been named August 2016 Volunteer of the Month.

The Volunteer of the Month program is sponsored by the Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care, a division of Black Hills Surgical Hospital.

Guptill was nominated by Black Hills Works, where he volunteers in the Suzie Cappa Art Center. He has consistently volunteered each Thursday since May 2015. Nominator Audrey Nordine, volunteer coordinator at Black Hills Works, wrote: Joel works with volunteers for his job. He came to us over a year ago wanting to give back the way the people he works with have ... Joel is always asking what more there is to do, has fantastic communication skills and most of all, truly and deeply cares for the people we support. He believes in their abilities."

In addition to his weekly volunteering, Guptill is the "first to reply to extra volunteer opportunities," wrote Nordine. "We are so thankful to have him as a volunteer."

Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care presented Guptill with a framed certificate, gifts from Black Hills Urgent Care and a letter of appreciation from Rapid City Mayor Steve Allender.

The Helpline Center will also recognize Guptill at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards banquet on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at the Best Western Ramkota.

For information on volunteer opportunities, please call the Helpline Center at 211 or visit www.helplinecenter.org



Pictured are Lynn Taylor Rick of the Helpline Center, Audrey Nordine of Black Hills Works, Joel Guptill, August Volunteer of the Month and Kathy Lees of Black Hills Urgent Care.