



Pictured L to R: Peter Jenkins, MetaBank; Susie Ryks, Helpline Center; Jan and Jeff Oltman, August Volunteer of the Month Winners; Randi Helder; Center of Hope.

August Volunteer of the Month Celebrated

The Helpline Center congratulates Jeff & Jan Oltman on being named the August 2016 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and MetaBank.

Jeff and Jan joined the Center of Hope team 3 1/2 years ago. They both spend on average two - 6 hour days a week at Center of Hope.

Jan's main volunteer job at Center of Hope is a hostess at our front desk, where she offers words of encouragement, items that we have at the Care Center and referrals for other opportunities of aide in Sioux Falls. Jeff's is most often found in Center of Hope's Bike Ministry Shop where he prepares bike for the public and aides in guiding guest as they repair their personal bikes. These two have been more than willing to go beyond these duties to help with the newsletter, data entry, cleaning, clothes sorting and so much more.

Randi Helder from Center of Hope said, "Jeff and Jan Oltman are two wonderful people, individually and as a couple. They both are shining examples of fulfilling Center of Hope motto of sowing seeds of God's love physically and spiritually. Both are out going warm, friendly, and kind. Each person they meet leaves with a smile and with a boost as Jan and Jeff each have a genuine desire to make people feel accepted and respected. This is true for guest, donors, and staff members alike. Words are inadequate when it comes to Center

of Hope's thanks to these two and Sioux Falls is a much better place because of them and their times of volunteering.”

The Helpline Center and MetaBank are pleased to present Jeff and Jan with a framed certificate, a gift from MetaBank and a letter of appreciation from Mayor Huether. We will also honor them again at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards banquet on May 11, 2017.

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