



Photo (L to R): Helen Block, Avera at Home Hospice; Barb Ebeling, Helpline Center; Sandy Keeley, December Volunteer of the Month; Erica Anderson, MetaBank

December Volunteer of the Month Celebrated

The Helpline Center congratulates Sandy Keeley on being named the December 2016 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and MetaBank.

Sandy volunteers two mornings a week plus two Saturdays a month at the Dougherty House. Sandy has volunteered over 1400 hours since beginning in 2012. She helps care assistants with direct patient care such as baths and transfers. She delivers food trays, fixes hair, does nails, and will serve a patient in any way requested. Everything is done with a huge helping of love and care and humor! In the past, she has visited home patients, visited many 11th Hour patients who had no family in their final days as well as helped with bereavement events.

Helen Block from Avera @ Home Hospice said, "Sandy epitomizes the heart and soul of volunteering. She wants to give back but feels she is the one who receives just as much in the process. She shares her love and fun personality with patients, their families, staff and other volunteers. Her positive attitude is contagious and brings a smile to anyone's face. Sandy is always willing to help out in any way and is very deserving of this recognition."

The Helpline Center and MetaBank are pleased to present Sandy with a framed certificate, a gift from MetaBank and a letter of appreciation from Mayor Huether. We will also honor Sandy 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.