



Pictured L to R: Erica Feige Anderson, MetaBank; Pat Humphrey, Volunteer of the Month Winner; Susie Ryks, Helpline Center; and Connie Christensen, Senior Companions

June Volunteer of the Month Celebrated

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

Pat has been making a positive impact on clients in the Sioux Falls area for three years. Over the past years, Pat has volunteered over 3,200 hours and in 2013 she received the Gold Presidential Award.

As a Senior Companion, Pat helps older individuals maintain independence in their own homes by providing weekly scheduled visits. She provides companionship to those who are socially isolated and transportation to the grocery store, pharmacy, and doctor appointments.

Pat is very attentive to the needs of her clients. She is a retired respiratory therapist and says her years of medical training come in handy with her work as a Senior Companion. Not only does Pat serve older clients; she also serves physically, developmentally, and emotionally impaired clients that range from the ages of 25-91. Recently, Pat arrived at her 90 year old client's home to find that she was not feeling well. Within minutes upon her arrival, Pat determined the woman was having a stroke and called 911. If not for Pat's medical training and quick response the woman could have been seriously affected by the stroke or even died. Another client shared with Pat that he did not know how to read. She said they got right to work on that! He tells Pat constantly how much he appreciates her taking the time to help him learn how to read and play games. He

has asked her to come more than once a week so he can beat her at card games! Her dedicated service has strengthened her community and brightened the lives of countless people.

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