



**Photo (L to R): Susie Ryks, Helpline Center; Denny Brown, March Volunteer of the Month; Kerry Thomas, MetaBank**

### **March Volunteer of the Month Celebrated**

The Helpline Center congratulates Denny Brown on being named the March 2017 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and MetaBank.

Denny has volunteered at the Washington Pavilion since September of 2004 and has served nearly 1400 hours (averaging about 113 hours each year/10 hours each month). At the Washington Pavilion, Denny regularly serves as an usher for the Husby Performing Arts Center and as a technical theater production volunteer for the Dakota Academy of Performing Arts. Denny also assists at large Pavilion-hosted events like the Sidewalk Arts Festival and with mailings for multiple departments.

Community Learning Center (CLC) Director RoseAnn Hofland and Dakota Academy of Performing Arts (DAPA) Theater Staff Member Molly Wilson said this of Denny Brown: There is no one who can wield a smile, glue gun, and pure ingenuity like Denny Brown! Denny regularly helped the CLC with tech preparation work for their youth theater productions in the first years of that program. Denny shared his gift of selfless creativity for the first eight DAPA productions, building sets and props and using his creativity to make something out of nothing.

If that weren't commendable enough, Husby Performing Arts Center Assistant Manager TJ Polzin spoke on Denny's behalf saying that Denny has also been an outstanding volunteer usher for the Husby Performing Arts Center during his tenure at the Pavilion. His professionalism, welcoming voice, and never-ending smile is a staple at the entrances to the Mary W. Sommervold Hall. He consistently goes above and beyond the already lofty expectations of being a volunteer usher. Denny is a joy to work with and to be around and the staff is forever grateful to Denny for sharing his time, talent, and warm heart with the Pavilion.

The Helpline Center and MetaBank are pleased to present Denny with a framed certificate, a gift from MetaBank and a letter of appreciation from Mayor Huether. We will also honor Denny 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](http://www.helplinecenter.org).