



**Public Service Announcement**

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**August Volunteer of the Month Celebrated**

The Helpline Center congratulates Valero Renewable Fuels on being named the August 2017 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and Dakotaland Federal Credit Union.

The Valero volunteers were nominated RaeAnn Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator for Brookings Backpack Project. Brookings Backpack Project (BBP) provides early-to-prepare weekend meals and snacks throughout the year.

In addition to giving their time directly to the packing of meals and snacks on Wednesday evenings, the employee volunteer group has assisted with BBP fundraising efforts; such as providing and cooking food for a Quarter Craze. Valero is also known for the yearly Valero 5K for Charity, in which all donations benefit Brookings Backpack Project.

RaeAnn commented on how BBP sees the difference the local company is making, "Valero has been a wonderful volunteer group to work with. They are very reliable and are always willing to help! Volunteerism is very important to the organization and it shows! They have made a difference for BBP!"