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Spirit of Volunteerism Award – Adult Shining Bright Category: Kristen Andrews

RAPID CITY – Kristen Andrews has been named the 2017 Spirit of Volunteerism Award in the Adult Shining Bright category for her work with Bethany Christian Services, Safe Families for Children.

Andrews received the award Tuesday at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards luncheon, an annual event designed to celebrate the impact Black Hills volunteers have on the community. The luncheon is a project of Helpline Center.

Black Hills Energy sponsored this year’s Adult Award.

Kristen Andrews is a host family for Safe Families for Children. She opens her home to children whose parents are facing a temporary crisis. In the past two years, Kristen has hosted 15 children in her home, despite being a single parent and raising two teenagers of her own, as well as working full-time.

Bethany Christian Services wrote of Andrews, “She has faced many sleepless nights and last-minute changed plans to ensure that these children have a safe place to stay while their families find stability. She stays focused on providing parents with a safety net during a crisis and children a safe and nurturing temporary home.”

The Spirit of Volunteerism awards are made possible through the generous support of Scull Construction, Bank West, Black Hills Energy, Regional Health and Midco. During the luncheon, Black Hills Urgent Care also recognized all Volunteer of the Month Award winners from the past year.

To get connected to volunteer opportunities in the community or to learn more, go to volunteer.helplinecenter.org or call 211.



Kristen Andrews, 2017 Adult Shining Bright Spirit of Volunteerism Award winner and Mutch Usera of Black Hills Energy, sponsor of the award.