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Spirit of Volunteerism Award – Youth Category: Jessica Benson

RAPID CITY – Jessica Benson has been named the 2017 Spirit of Volunteerism Award winner in the Youth category for her volunteer service to multiple organizations throughout the community.

Benson 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.

Scull Construction sponsored this year's Youth Award.

Benson is a Teen Up Ambassador and a member of the Teen Up TakeACTion group. She volunteers for a wide range of organizations, including Red Cross, Special Olympics, Children's Miracle Network, Cornerstone Rescue Mission, Go Red for Women, Girl Scouts, Youth in Philanthropy, Freshman Impact, Holiday Mail for Heroes and Disaster Awareness Day. In the past two years, she has volunteered more than 500 hours.

Recently, Benson started a campaign to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The proceeds from this campaign benefit our local first responders.

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.



Ann Chytka of Scull Construction and Jessica Benson, the 2017 Youth Spirit of Volunteerism Award winner.