



Public Service Announcement

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June Volunteer of the Month Celebrated

The Helpline Center congratulates Feeding Brookings Volunteers on being named the June 2017 Volunteer of the Month in Brookings.

The Volunteer of the Month is an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and Dakotaland Federal Credit Union.

The Feeding Brookings volunteers were nominated by the Feeding Brookings Committee, including Roberta Olson, Feeding Brookings Coordinator, and Liz Tomsen, Feeding Brookings Intern. These 17 volunteers pick up donations from Hy-Vee and Walmart; unload donations from the Feeding South Dakota truck; set-up and assist guests during distribution; and clean up after distribution. The volunteers began serving Feeding Brookings in 2010 and 2011, and after seven years, still offer continuous, faithful service. The time and talent offered by these individuals allows Feeding Brookings to serve individuals and families from Brookings, DeSmet, Arlington, White, Flandreau and Aurora; totaling approximately 110 households or 350-400 adults and children served.

“These 17 individuals, in particular, and the other temporary volunteers understand the huge issue of food insecurity and are willing to give of their time to help the 110 households who come as guests,” Olson said. “They volunteer at least weekly from 2 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Three of these volunteers also come on Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. to unload the Feeding South Dakota Truck that delivers the food commodities.”

Olson also notes that there are others who support Feeding Brookings, including South Dakota State University students, confirmation students, 4-H youth groups, local Brookings businesses and organization volunteers such as Rotary. “There are many other volunteers who have come and gone during these seven years, but as the Feeding Brookings Coordinator, I want to lift up these 17 thoughtful and giving volunteers.”

The 17 volunteers being recognized include Duane and Joanne Matthees, Wally Kemfert, Marlys Thompson, Carolyn and Gerald Erickson, Wanda and John Wirtz, Lois Bellows, Zoe Miller, Irene Porter, Diane Hoff, Eldon Hogie, Stacey Davis, Bette Johnson, David Johnson and Floyd Wiesner.

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Back Row L-R :Eldon Hogie, Joanne Matthees, Duane Matthees, Floyd Wiesner, Bill Alsaker, Yvonne Dobrenski, and Gerald Erickson. Front Row L-R: Mayor Keith Corbett, Liz Thomsen (SDSU Intern), Dianne Hoff, Wanda Wirtz, Lois Bellows, Zoe Miller, Carolyn Erickson, Bette Johnson, Roberta Olson (Feeding Brookings Coordinator), and Chad Moller (Dakotaland Federal Credit Union).