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Helpline Center & Black Hills Urgent Care name November Volunteer of the Month



Pictured are Brittany Sigel of United Blood Services; Richard Horkey, November Volunteer of the Month; Kathy Lees with Black Hills Urgent Care and Lynn Taylor Rick of the Helpline Center.

RAPID CITY - The Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care are pleased to announce that Richard Horkey has been named the November 2017 Volunteer of the Month.

The Volunteer of the Month program is sponsored by the Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care, a division of Black Hills Surgical Hospital. Volunteer of the Month recognizes outstanding individuals who make the community stronger through volunteerism.

Horkey was nominated by Brittany Sigel of United Blood Services.

For the past 2 1/2 years, Horkey has served as a volunteer driver for United Blood Services. He drives for the organization five to seven times each month. Sigel wrote that earlier this year, Horkey received a call at 2:30 a.m. to deliver an emergency supply of blood to the Campbell County Hospital in Gillette, Wyo. Within minutes of the call, Horkey was on the road. "Richard's willingness to lose sleep, to travel in the dark over long distances, all in the service of someone he will never know, is extremely commendable and makes him worthy of recognition," said Sigel. "His selfless acts helped to give a patient more time with their loved ones, another month, year, decade."

Sigel said this story about Horkey isn't an anomaly. "He is consistently called upon to make deliveries, at all times of the day or night, and he consistently steps up to help."

Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care presented Horkey with a framed certificate and Helpline Center T-shirt, gifts from Black Hills Urgent Care and a letter of appreciation from Rapid City Mayor Steve Allender. The Helpline Center will also recognize Horkey at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards banquet on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at the Best Western Ramkota/Minervas.

For information on volunteer opportunities, please call the Helpline Center at 211 or visit www.helplinecenter.org