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### **Public Service Announcement**

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## **Helpline Center & Black Hills Urgent Care name October Volunteer of the Month**

RAPID CITY - The Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care are pleased to announce that Paula Adkins has been named the October 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.

Adkins was nominated by Naomi Hatfield of the Douglas High School Activities department.

For the past two years, Adkins has organized the Douglas High School Post Prom party. Hatfield says Adkins gathers donations, contacts potential sponsors, shops for student prizes, organizes volunteers and more. And she does it all to keep students safe after prom.

Hatfield said Adkins took over the post-prom party planning in 2016 when the lack of volunteers prompted the canceling of the party. "When Paula heard this, she took on the lead role with about three weeks to pull it all together," Hatfield wrote. When the 2017 prom arrived, Adkins stepped up once again to plan the party.

“Paul is a very busy woman with a full time job and children, yet she made time in her schedule to do something special for hundreds of students,” Hatfield wrote.

Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care presented Adkins 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 Adkins 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](http://www.helplinecenter.org)

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