



**Public Service Announcement**  
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### **Helpline Center & Black Hills Urgent Care name December Volunteer of the Month**



*Pictured are Jon Michaels of Black Hills Urgent Care; Betty Jo Huff of NHAC; Pam Varland of NHAC; Elena Dagit, December Volunteer of the Month; Kayla Klein Executive Director of NHAC; Tia Madsen of NHAC; JeNae Job of NHAC and Audrey Nordine of the Helpline Center*

RAPID CITY - The Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care are pleased to announce that Elena Dagit has been named the December 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.

Dagit was nominated by Kayla Klein of Northern Hills Alliance for Children.

For the past 7 years, Dagit has served as a volunteer for Northern Hills Alliance for Children. She has been a tremendous support and advocate for the Northern Hills Alliance for Children since the day her first child started in 2011. She has served on the board since 2012, and now holds the position of Board President. Klein describes Elena as prompt, articulate, delicate, precise, and helpful. These traits of Elena's greatly help with the function of the organization.

“Since 2011 she has helped create 3 of the most income generating fundraisers the Center has,” Klein said. “Not only has she helped with the creation of them, she also helps to implement them each year, attending every fundraising event and being available when her presence is needed.” From the big to the small, Dagit jumps right in to support the needs of Northern Hills Alliance for Children. Alongside her husband, they have donated their time to washing carpets and installing playground equipment, as well as financially to supplies and promotional materials for the center. Her personality shines, so much she has brought family and friends to volunteer at events, “creating a sphere of volunteers for our major fundraising events in order to help them run smoothly and effectively,” Klein remarks.

Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care presented Dagit 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 Dagit 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)