



L to R: Susie Ryks, Helpline Center; Gary Pierson, October Volunteer of the Month; Paula Ullom, MetaBank.

October Volunteer of the Month

The Helpline Center congratulates Gary Pierson on being named the October 2018 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and MetaBank.

Gary regularly volunteers with Active Generations' Workers on Wheels. Gary helps Workers on Wheels clients remain independent in their homes by providing rides for medical appointments and grocery shopping, minor home repair, lawn care, and companionship. One of Gary's clients moved to the Lennox nursing home in December 2014. Knowing she has no family in the area, Gary continues to visit her in Lennox at least one time per month. Gary has also assisted in preparing Rake the Town leaf bags and supplies for over 1,000 volunteers for the past 5 years and mows for two WOW clients.

Gary has been volunteering since June 2008. Last year, Gary has served 167 hours and completed 172 job requests. Gary has been a trustworthy volunteer for the WOW

staff and clients. He is a kind-hearted person and is dedicated to the program as well as the people he serves.

Workers on Wheels Staff says “Gary has been a dedicated volunteer since he joined the WOW team. His clients rely on him to take care of their shopping needs and lawn maintenance. Gary contacts his clients on a regular basis which brings them peace of mind knowing they can count on him. He goes the extra mile to help. He is willing to take on additional requests for projects or rides as needed.”

The Helpline Center and MetaBank are pleased to present Gary with a framed certificate, a gift from MetaBank and a letter of appreciation from Mayor Paul TenHaken. We will honor him again at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards Luncheon on May 9, 2019.