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**Spirit of Volunteerism Award – Group Category: St. Vincent de Paul**

RAPID CITY – The St. Vincent de Paul volunteer group has been named the 2017 Spirit of Volunteerism Award winner in the Group category.

St. Vincent de Paul members received the award Tuesday at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards luncheon, an annual event designed to celebrate the impact Black Hills volunteers have on the community. The luncheon is a project of Helpline Center.

BankWest sponsored this year's Group Award.

The small group of volunteers who make up the St. Vincent de Paul Society is often the last resort for many of the poorest and most marginalized people in Rapid City. St. Vincent de Paul, which was nominated by the diocese of Rapid City, averages about 150 calls per month from people seeking assistance. In the first 15 weeks of operation in 2016, the society assisted 153 individuals with \$12,400 in aid.

The Spirit of Volunteerism awards are made possible through the generous support of Scull Construction, Bank West, Black Hills Energy, Regional Health and Midco. During the luncheon, Black Hills Urgent Care also recognized all Volunteer of the Month Award winners from the past year.

To get connected to volunteer opportunities in the community or to learn more, go to [volunteer.helplinecenter.org](http://volunteer.helplinecenter.org) or call 211.



**St. Vincent de Paul was awarded the Group Spirit of Volunteerism Award. Members of the group are pictured with John Way of BankWest.**