



**Public Service Announcement**  
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### **April Volunteer of the Month**



**Sara Crosby with the DAPA Plays for Living students  
at her recognition ceremony on April 19th.**

The Helpline Center congratulates Sara Crosby on being named the April 2019 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and MetaBank.

Sara Crosby's education, training, and prestigious work history are in the fields of theater and social work. She has taken her areas of expertise, in which she has practiced and performed all over the nation, and merged them in her life's work in the Sioux Falls community. Sara has been volunteering for the Dakota Academy of Performing Arts (DAPA) since its inception in 2001 and has been an official Washington Pavilion volunteer since DAPA merged with the Pavilion in 2010. DAPA and its high-quality arts education opportunities for Sioux Falls area youth started by Sara nearly 20 years ago and continues to blossom because of her determination, passion, and absolute belief in the power of arts to change the community for the better.

Sara has volunteered thousands of hours, including a conservative estimate of 500 hours annually for her work with DAPA's Plays for Living Company. Sara's advocacy has gone beyond her extensive local outreach as she has served as a consultant all over the nation to establish theater companies which use performance to give voice to difficult issues. Sara has been invited to establish companies in Hawaii, Missouri, Iowa, and Washington D.C., to name a few.

One of Sara's students shared, "Sara didn't just teach me how to be a good actor, she taught me how to be a good person, which is far more important than anything you could teach me how to do on the stage. I thank her for helping lead me through the hardest parts of my life, and for giving me the confidence to say that I can be a leader as well."

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