



## April Volunteers of the Month Celebrated



***L to R: Samantha Contarino, Bill Alsaker, Aidan Bunkers, Emily Howell, Shay Sorlie, Kiley Rath, Tanner Wetzel, Emily Crooks, Simon Newkirk.  
Not Pictured: Donnie Bentz, Jerrod Fedorchik and ROTC, Bruce Johnson, Mike Frederiksen, Clodagh McElgunn.***

The Helpline Center congratulates the volunteers of Feeding Brookings on being named the April 2020 Volunteers of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and First Bank and Trust.

Feeding Brookings has a dedicated group of volunteers who come every Thursday to help with distribution, but many of those volunteers have had to take a break due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Since the beginning of the outbreak, new volunteers have stepped up to help serve the community of Brookings by helping with various weekly tasks at Feeding Brookings. The program would not function without these brave volunteers. The activities they perform include

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setting up tables, getting groceries out of closets and freezers and arranging things on the tables, greeting the guests and handing out numbers when they arrived, checking them in, getting wagons and boxes ready, pulling wagons for the guests, handing out groceries to the guests, carrying groceries to the cars, directing traffic and cleaning up after. A few volunteers drive a truck to Hy-Vee and Walmart to pick up donations. Others help unload the truck with supplies from Feeding South Dakota and also deliver food to families and individuals. With new precautions set in place due to COVID-19, many of the volunteer roles look different right now, but each one of the volunteers at Feeding Brookings has stepped up to the plate and learned how to take those extra steps to ensure that everyone is staying safe and healthy. Each volunteer at Feeding Brookings plays an essential part in making sure that everyone still has access to food and basic necessities during this time, and we are so grateful for all of the individuals that are helping to serve the Brookings Community during this time!

Congratulations to the volunteers at Feeding Brookings on being our much-deserved April Volunteers of the Month!

For information on volunteer opportunities or the Volunteer of the Month program, please contact Allison Schmitt at [bkvol@helplinecenter.org](mailto:bkvol@helplinecenter.org) or call 211 for more information.