

April 2025 Sioux Empire Volunteer of the Month Clarissa Taniguchi

The Helpline Center congratulates Clarissa on being named the Sioux Empire April 2025 Volunteer of the Month. Volunteer of the Month is an area-wide award program sponsored by Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of SD. Clarissa is nominated by Toy Lending Library of South Dakota.

Her nomination states, Clarissa organized into categories hundreds of items that made setting up for the Free Will Donation Yard Sale Fundraising event much easier. She suggested many great ideas of how to set up better for the event. She also handled the social media exposition before and during the event, sharing the event with hundreds of people that ended up coming to the event. It was a success and mostly because our AMAZING volunteer!

Clarissa has volunteered with us for 4 years. She comes in weekly, and volunteered more than 60 hours for the event.

Clarissa is deserving of the Volunteer of the Month Award because she cares. She is task oriented and she decided to use her skills to support our fundraising. She cares deeply about giving opportunities for children to learn through play and she takes time from her busy days to volunteer. Her organizational skills made a huge impact on the event. Her social media skills allowed for so many more people to learn about the opportunity and join the event. She's amazing and deserves to be celebrated!

The Helpline Center is pleased to present Clarissa with a framed certificate and a letter of appreciation from Mayor Paul Ten Haken.



For information on volunteer opportunities, please call the Helpline Center at 211 or visit volunteer.helplinecenter.org.