



Public Service Announcement

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**Helpline Center & Black Hills Urgent Care name
November Volunteer of the Month**



L to R: Denean White, Breanna Bass with baby River, Audrey Nordine of Helpline Center, November Volunteer of the Month Gwen Menke, Kathy Minnick of Black Hills Urgent Care, and Kehala Two Bulls with baby Odette.

RAPID CITY - The Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care are pleased to announce that Gwendolyn Menke has been named the November 2018 Volunteer of the Month. Gwen was nominated by the Seventh Circuit CASA Program.

Gwen is a Court Appointed Special Advocate, who is an officer of the Court and relays information back to the Judge as well as advocates for what is in the child's best interest. Gwen started volunteering with the Seventh Circuit CASA Program in October 2016. Gwen has a great passion for children. This is a passion that continues to grow as she advocates for what is in the best interest of children that are being abused and/or neglected. Gwen goes above and beyond the duties that are asked of her as a volunteer and takes this position as serious as if it were a paid career choice.

"All volunteers are a treasure piece to have and Gwen is definitely one of them", says Breanna Bass of CASA, "She is a leader and a great role model, especially in a volunteer position that can be heartbreaking." CASA is incredibly thankful that she chose us to be a place for her to

dedicate her time and that she chose to advocate for what is in the best interest of children in abused and/or neglected situations.

Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care presented Gwen Menke with a framed certificate and Helpline Center T-shirt, gifts from Black Hills Urgent Care and a letter of appreciation from Rapid City Mayor Steve Allender.

The Helpline Center will also recognize Gwen Menke at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards banquet on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center.

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