



Public Service Announcement

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



RAPID CITY - The Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care are pleased to announce that Dustin Rodger has been named the January 2020 Volunteer of the Month. Walt was nominated Hope Center.

The Volunteer of the Month program is sponsored by the Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care, a division of Black Hills Surgical Hospital. Volunteer of the Month recognizes outstanding individuals who make the community stronger through volunteerism.

Dustin volunteers in the Hope Center's Doug Diehl Day Center, volunteering 3-4 days each week. Dustin volunteers in the mornings, before he goes to work in the evening. Even though this makes for a long day, he is reliable and eager to be at the Hope Center.

He assists guests with their basic daily needs, such as: mail, personal storage, personal hygiene items, and use of the phone. Dustin goes above and beyond to treat those served at the Hope Center with dignity and respect. He is patient and kind. He has a great sense of humor

and likes to stay busy. When things are slow in the Day Center, he will tidy other areas of the building and help organize supplies.

Hope Center's Executive Director Melanie Timm says, "Dustin is such a joy to be around. He has an upbeat, positive attitude that we all enjoy. Dustin's had previous experiences that have created a strong desire to give back. We are appreciative for the opportunity to get to know Dustin and have him be a part of the Hope Center family."

Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care presented Walt with a framed certificate and Helpline Center T-shirt, and gifts from Black Hills Urgent Care. Dustin at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards luncheon on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center.

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