

**December 2020**  
**Sioux Empire Volunteer of the Month**  
**Kathleen Nagel**



**Kathleen Nagel, December Volunteer of the Month is with Adam Nyhaug, Siouxland Heritage Museums; Susie Ryks, Helpline Center; and Carolyn Johnson, Siouxland Heritage Museums at the Museum Resource Center around John W. Tuthill's cutter sleigh.**

The Helpline Center congratulates Kathleen Nagel on being named the Sioux Empire December 2020 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center.

Kathleen Nagel has been a volunteer at the Siouxland Heritage Museums since 2017. She primarily volunteers at the Museum Resource Center, where she helps process historic artifacts that people donate to Siouxland Heritage Museums. Every new item must be given a particular number, described in detail in our collections database, and stored safely so that it is preserved for years to come. Donations can be something as small as one old letter, or as big as a refrigerator or thousands of handkerchiefs, so processing these is a true team effort.

A Siouxland Heritage Museums staff commented, "We are grateful to have Kathleen on our team helping with new donations. Before retiring and moving to Sioux Falls, Kathleen had worked for 20 years at the Dakota Sunset Museum in Gettysburg, SD. Luckily for us at Siouxland Heritage Museums, Kathleen found that she missed the history museum environment, so she joined our volunteer ranks. Because of her previous museum experience, she was already knowledgeable in museum practices and the database software, so she could jump right in and help with anything that came up in our Collections Department. Since then, she has settled in and become a regular volunteer who can tackle new donations of any size

and scope. And thanks to her previous experience in museums, she is not fazed by the occasional “mystery” object or problem that crops up and needs to be dealt with. Kathleen’s willingness to help and her pleasant demeanor makes her a joy to be around. We are grateful to have Kathleen on our team.”

The Helpline Center are pleased to present Kathleen with a framed certificate and a letter of appreciation from Mayor Paul TenHaken.

For information on volunteer opportunities please call the Helpline Center at 211 or visit [volunteer.helplinecenter.org](http://volunteer.helplinecenter.org).