

February Volunteer of the Month Celebrated



Chad Moller, Dakotaland Federal Credit Union, Art Niles, February Volunteer of the Month; Sarah Lippert, Helpline Center; Kyleigh Cramer, Volunteer Service Bank

The Helpline Center congratulates Art Niles on being named the February 2018 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and Dakotaland Federal Credit Union.

There to honor and thank Art were Kyleigh Cramer, Executive Director at Volunteer Service Bank; Chad Moller, Dakotaland Federal Credit Union and Sarah Lippert, Volunteer Connections Coordinator at Helpline Center.

Art is registered with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. He is a volunteer driver for the Volunteer Service Bank's medical transportation program, and serves as a citizen patrol officer for the Brookings County Sheriff's Department once or twice a week.

Art has been volunteering in Brookings since 2010, shortly after he and his wife moved here. Art drives people to medical appointments for the Volunteer Service Bank as often as his schedule allows, usually two or three times per week.

Art is a reliable, friendly driver for the Volunteer Service Bank. Art doesn't judge, and he gets to know the clients he is transporting. Clients often request Art to be their driver if he's available. If he can, Art will even adjust his personal schedule to help someone out. Art truly makes a difference in our community.

Art is one of the kindest people I have had the pleasure of working with. He spends hours each week volunteering his time and talents. He is a kind person who makes everyone he helps feel like they're somebody. I always know that no matter the client and the situation, Art will show respect and compassion.

For information on volunteer opportunities or the Volunteer of the Month program, please contact Sarah Lippert at bkvol@helplinecenter.org or call 211 for more information.