



Brookings October Volunteer of the Month Celebrated

The Helpline Center congratulates the Brookings Healthcare Auxiliary on being named the October 2017 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and Dakotaland Federal Credit Union.

There to honor and thank the Brookings Healthcare Auxiliary were Lisa Rasmussen, Volunteer & Gift Shop Coordinator; Mayor Keith Corbett, City of Brookings; Sarah Lippert, Volunteer Connections Coordinator from the Helpline Center conducted the presentation. Patty Porter (pictured center), President of Brookings Healthcare Auxiliary accepted the certificate on the entire Auxiliary's behalf.

The Brookings Healthcare Auxiliary was created in 1954 and has been working since then to promote and advance the welfare of Brookings Health System. The members of the Brookings Healthcare Auxiliary volunteer at the hospital on a routine and daily basis.

The Brookings Healthcare Auxiliary helps to promote and advance the welfare of Brookings Health System's hospital and nursing home through volunteer service and fundraising. The various activities that the group assists with are: employee appreciation tea, first grade tours of the hospital, assist residents with activities at the Neighborhoods at Brookview, provide scholarships for nursing students, assist patients and visitors to find their way in the hospital, contribute a financial gift to parents and children of the First Baby of the Year, assemble Christmas baby stockings, and pack fruit baskets in December for the needy. Until recently the Auxiliary also managed and staffed the gift shop and staffed the surgical waiting room area. The group also has a fundraiser each year.

When asked why the Brookings Healthcare Auxiliary should be Volunteer of the Month, Lisa Rasmussen responded, "The members of Auxiliary are a valuable part of Brookings Health System's commitment to meeting the needs of our patients, residents and families by fulfilling our mission to provide high quality, compassionate, personalized healthcare."