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Spirit of Volunteerism Award – Large Business Corporate Humanitarian: Texas Roadhouse

SIOUX FALLS – Texas Roadhouse is the recipient of the 2017 Spirit of Volunteerism Corporate Humanitarian Award for large businesses. Independent Insurance Agents of Sioux Falls sponsors this award. Representatives from Texas Roadhouse received this honor at Thursday's Spirit of Volunteerism Luncheon, an annual event that celebrates the impact Sioux Empire volunteers make on the community. . The event is a project of Helpline Center. 2017 marks the 35th year the Helpline Center has presented volunteer appreciation awards.

Texas Roadhouse was nominated by two agencies – Community Blood Bank and Special Olympics South Dakota.

For the past six years, Texas Roadhouse has hosted the Special Olympics Tip A Cop fundraiser. During the event, officers trade in their badges for aprons, serving customers for tips that support Special Olympics. Texas Roadhouse also cooks and provides the Friday night meal for the World's Largest Convoy, a fundraising event for the Special Olympics, helping it to become the second largest Convoy event in the world last year.

The staff of Texas Roadhouse has also volunteered to partner with Community Blood Bank for seven years, impacting the community through the encouragement of blood donations at the Sioux Falls Heroes Behind the Badges blood drive. The Heroes Behind the Badges blood drive provides 100 percent of all blood needed for the community throughout the two weeks of Christmas and New Year's. At the conclusion of the blood drive activities each year, Texas Roadhouse provides a celebration luncheon at the restaurant to recognize the work of local heroes in the Sioux Falls Police, Fire Rescue and the more than 36 sponsoring organizations that come together for the event.

Through the generosity and volunteer efforts of Texas Roadhouse partnering with Community Blood Bank, a total of 6,446 blood donations have been made towards the community's blood supply.

The Spirit of Volunteerism awards are made possible through the generous support of Midco, Independent Insurance Agents of Sioux Falls, Children's Dental Center and Parkway Orthodontics, The First National Bank in Sioux Falls, First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard, EarthBend, MetaBank and Citi.

The Helpline Center's Volunteer Connections Program provides the community with ways to connect with volunteer opportunities as well as offer non-profit organizations volunteer recruitment assistance and support for volunteer managers. To learn more go to volunteer.helplinecenter.org or dial 211.