



Public Service Announcement

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September Volunteer of the Month Celebrated

The Helpline Center congratulates Pam Siverhus on being named the September 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 Pam were Dan McColley, Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity (BAHFH) Executive Director, and other BAHFH staff who nominated Siverhus; Mayor Keith Corbett, City of Brookings; Emmy Lebert, representative for Dakotaland Federal Credit Union; Sarah Lippert, Volunteer Connections Coordinator; and Amy Ballou with the Helpline Center, conducted the presentation.

Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1995 and sold its first house in April of 1996. Since that time BAHFH has constructed and sold 63 homes in Brookings County; houses 64, 65 and 66 are currently nearing completion. Additionally, BAHFH has completed 52 home renovation projects in our service area of Brookings and Lake Counties. Each day over 300 people are served through better housing options.

As a volunteer with BAHFH, Pam provides support around the office including financial work. Pam ensures financial integrity by checking all paid bills are credited to the correct account and program and double checking all deposits. Pam also cares for the plants around the office, and when a family moves into their new home, a houseplant is donated to the family by Pam. Currently, Pam is the longest serving volunteer for BAHFH. "Pam has come at least once a week, sometimes more, for longer than anyone at the organization can remember – longer than 7 years," said McColley.

McColley commented on just how important Pam's weekly volunteer time is, "Pam makes a significant impact on Brookings Area Habitat, which in turn makes a huge impact on multiple families in the Brookings area. She brightens our office every time

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she comes in and always is excited to volunteer her time to us.” So what makes Pam stand out from all other volunteers? McColley said, “The one thing that really makes Pam stand out, as compared to other volunteers, is she always ends her time with us with, "Is there anything else I can do to help you today?" We love having Pam in our office and we think she is beyond deserving of the Volunteer of the Month Award.”