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**Spirit of Volunteerism Award – Adult Up & Coming Category: Solomon Red Bear**

RAPID CITY – Solomon Red Bear has been named the 2017 Spirit of Volunteerism Award winner in the Adult Up and Coming category.

Red Bear received the award Tuesday at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards luncheon, an annual event designed to celebrate the impact Black Hills volunteers have on the community. The luncheon is a project of Helpline Center.

Regional Hospital sponsored this year's Adult Up & Coming Award.

Red Bear was nominated by the Hope Center, where he volunteers every day. Red Bear helps out with whatever tasks are needed, carrying stored personal items back and forth for guests or washing dishes or participating with a song during devotionals. He started a talking circle in late March to help bring unity between the Lakota and white cultures. Despite being homeless himself, Solomon gives of himself and always arrives at the Hope Center with a smile on his face.

The Spirit of Volunteerism awards are made possible through the generous support of Scull Construction, Bank West, Black Hills Energy, Regional Health and Midco. During the luncheon, Black Hills Urgent Care also recognized all Volunteer of the Month Award winners from the past year.

To get connected to volunteer opportunities in the community or to learn more, go to [volunteer.helplinecenter.org](http://volunteer.helplinecenter.org) or call 211.



**Paulette Davidson of Regional Health and Solomon Red Bear, the 2017 Adult Up and Coming Spirit of Volunteerism Award winner.**