



Public Service Announcement

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**Helpline Center & Black Hills Urgent Care name
March Volunteer of the Month**



Pictured are Kathy Lees from Black Hills Urgent Care & Surgical Hospital, Christine Siim, Volunteer of the Month, Deb Berg from Cornerstone Rescue Mission, and Audrey Nordine from Helpline Center

RAPID CITY - The Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care are pleased to announce that Christine Siim has been named the March 2018 Volunteer of the Month.

The Volunteer of the Month program is sponsored by the Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care, a division of Black Hills Surgical Hospital. Volunteer of the Month recognizes outstanding individuals who make the community stronger through volunteerism.

Siim was nominated by Deb Berg of Cornerstone Rescue Mission.

Over a year ago, Siim planned and implemented an art class for the veterans of the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. Berg says, "Christine comes from a family of military ties, and is familiar with the struggle many of our veterans face daily." Siim not only has knowledge of the military life, but also holds a Masters Degree in Art; giving her the expertise necessary to lead the group. She teaches the group with many different types of art projects that are enjoyable to the veterans, and giving them the opportunity for artistic expression. Christine has thoughtfully put together classes, and devotes a great amount of time to support the mission and vision of the

Cornerstone Rescue Mission. She is selfless, and cares deeply about the stories of those served by Cornerstone.

Christine says, "People have a lot more talent than they give themselves credit for...that takes courage to start something new, something out of your comfort zone".

Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care presented Siim with a framed certificate and Helpline Center T-shirt, gifts from Black Hills Urgent Care and a letter of appreciation from Rapid City Mayor Steve Allender. The Helpline Center will also recognize Christine Siim at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards banquet on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at the Best Western Ramkota/Minervas.

For information on volunteer opportunities, please call the Helpline Center at 211 or visit www.helplinecenter.org