

**January 2022**  
**Sioux Empire Volunteer of the Month**  
**Myka Burma**



L to R: Susie Ryks, Helpline Center; Casey Christensen, Wellmark; Myka Burma, January Volunteer of the Month; and Andrea Kopp, Butterfly House & Aquarium

The Helpline Center congratulates Myka Burma on being named the Sioux Empire January 2022 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of SD.

Being approachable, knowledgeable, and dedicated while also being kind, resilient, and absolutely fun to be around, Myka sets the bar high for the Volunteer Program at the Butterfly House & Aquarium. Myka is one that is able to truly enrich and heighten guest's experiences as he shares educational information about the animals and ecosystems on display. He takes it seriously, and he takes time to learn and develop his skillsets and education so that he can come back with fresh information and excitement.

Myka has a knack for working with adults and children that come visit the Butterfly House & Aquarium. He helps guests understand USDA policies in an animal facility, shares lots of educational information, and he is trustworthy with the general health and safety of every guest. Myka has been volunteering since August, 2020 and dedicates 3 to 4 shifts per month.

Myka is the kind of volunteer that one wishes they could hire fulltime. He elevates the staff morale, and he is reliable. Myka is someone who makes time for volunteering. Despite his own busy schedule, he makes the Buttery House & Aquarium a priority. Every staff member is excited for when Myka is there!

The Helpline Center is pleased to present Myka with a framed certificate and a letter of appreciation from Mayor Paul TenHaken.

For information on volunteer opportunities please call the Helpline Center at 211 or visit [volunteer.helplinecenter.org](http://volunteer.helplinecenter.org).

