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July Volunteer of the Month



L to R: Susie Ryks, Helpline Center; Rena Jensen; Travis Jensen, July Volunteer of the Month; and Becky Sluiter; LifeScope

The Helpline Center congratulates Travis Jensen on being named the July 2019 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and MetaBank.

Travis volunteers at LifeScope, 'on the farm', to provide unique and meaningful life opportunities for children and adults with disabilities to ride a saddle horse. Many people have to pay to ride a horse or participate in horse therapy programs, but Travis is freely offering children and adults with disabilities the opportunity to ride a horse, as many times, as a person chooses. Travis keeps the horse calm and steady as innovative ways are found for people with physical limitations to get on the horse and ride. Travis is attentive to the rider's needs and emotions and ensures each stride of the horse is safe and fun for the rider.

For the past 13 years, Travis attends every Wednesday farm day trip, starting in June and going through end of September, to provide saddle horse opportunity. Travis volunteers 7 hours a week for 16 weeks. Through his 13 years of volunteering, Travis has completed 1,456 volunteer hours.

Travis has made a difference in the lives of 800+ children and adults with disabilities by offering horse rides. Travis' dedication to children and adults with disabilities is nothing but amazing. He has helped many people to accomplish goals and dreams that otherwise may not be accomplished due to limited financial resources for people with disabilities. Travis leads by example demonstrating the power of volunteering, sharing resource, and is considered the best of the best among volunteers.

The Helpline Center and MetaBank are pleased to present Travis with a framed certificate, a gift from MetaBank, and a letter of appreciation from Mayor Paul TenHaken. We will honor Travis again at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards Luncheon on May 12, 2020.