



Pictured are Kehala Two Bulls and Shirley Sutherland of 7th Circuit CASA Program; Doris Nelson, June Volunteer of the Month; Kathy Lees of Black Hills Urgent Care; Judge Robert Gusinsky; and Lynn Taylor Rick of Helpline Center.



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

RAPID CITY - The Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care are pleased to announce that Doris Nelson has been named the June 2017 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.

Nelson was nominated by the Seventh Circuit CASA Program, where she has volunteered as a child advocate for more than two years.

As a CASA volunteer, Nelson advocates and speaks on behalf of abused and neglected children in the court room. However, Nelson goes far above and beyond that duty when it comes to her CASA volunteer work, according to Shirley Sutherland with CASA. "She visits and loves the children she represents, who often have no one else who care about them." Nelson visits one little girl living in a residential home each week. "She takes her on outings, celebrates her birthdays, takes her to theater productions, dinner out of town," wrote Sutherland.

When Nelson began volunteering as a CASA volunteer, she worked full-time. Eventually, she made the decision to move to part-time employment so she could devote more time to her CASA volunteer work. With one 9-year-old who she represents, Nelson "created a relationship from the ground up," wrote Sutherland. "She opened her heart up to feel joy and sadness side-by-side with this child, so that this girl might grow up knowing what it is like to be cared for selflessly."

Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care presented Nelson 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 Nelson 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