

June 2021
Sioux Empire Volunteer of the Month
Nancy Wahlstrom



Pictured: Make-A-Wish South Dakota & Montana Staff; Susie Ryks, Helpline Center, Nancy Wahlstrom, June Volunteer of the Month; and Casey Christensen, Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of SD.

The Helpline Center congratulates Nancy Wahlstrom on being named the Sioux Empire June 2021 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of SD.

Nancy Wahlstrom is an active volunteer for Make-A-Wish South Dakota & Montana. Nancy has helped grant over 31 wishes in her 15 years of being a wish granter and has been a leader on most of the teams. She is usually on multiple wish teams at a time and it doesn't even phase her. She gets to know every wish kid and everyone in their family. She knows their names, how old they are and their favorites. She has been a leader for the chapter and helps mentor new volunteers and wish granters. She helps greet wish kids at the airport when they leave for their wish trips and when they come back ranging from 3am to late at night. Nancy has helped raise important funds for Make-A-Wish South Dakota & Montana and solicit donations. Nancy also served on our Board of Directors for 12 years and was a board chair for two years.

A staff from Make-A-Wish South Dakota & Montana commented, "Make-A-Wish is privileged to work alongside Nancy in fulfilling our mission of creating life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. Nancy sets the standard. She makes all of us want to do more and be better. She takes every volunteer opportunity she helps with to heart. She genuinely loves volunteering and the wish kids she interacts with and everyone can see it. Her wisdom and perspective are priceless. Even as staff, she inspires and teaches us how to be better at fulfilling our mission without even knowing it. I am a better person because of knowing and learning from Nancy. She gets our mission and what it takes to make the impossible, possible."

The Helpline Center are pleased to present Nancy 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.