

June 2022 Sioux Empire Volunteer of the Month Steve Zahn



Left to Right: Jennie Marks, Volunteer Connections Manager, Helpline Center; Julie Becker, Director, St. Francis House; Steve Zahn, June 2022 Volunteer of the Month, Casey Christensen, Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of SD; Topher Zahn, Steve's son.

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

Steve has been supporting and dedicated to the mission of St. Francis House for the past ten years, especially in the form of evening meal serve. Steve is also the organizer and lead volunteer for the monthly Gloria Dei group. He and his family fill in where needed. Steve was the first regular serving member of our Breakfast Club where he serves once a week either alone or with friends. He performs a wide variety of duties including office work, cleaning and organizing, and volunteer recruitment and oversight.

With all he does, he remains proactive and thinks outside of the box. Staff and guests alike find Steve sincere and genuine in his desire to help others. He is able to connect and reach others, even though there may be differences in background, faith, race or gender. Steve is one of the volunteers most likely to develop a supportive role with our guests. He gets to know guests by name, expresses genuine concern for their walk to sobriety, and is never judgmental. He does all of this with gentle Christian love.

Even though Steve was affected by the Federal Government shutdown in 2018, he looked at it as an opportunity to step up and volunteer daily for nearly a full month. He served with a grateful attitude, and with his kind words, infused the guests with hope.

The Helpline Center is pleased to present Steve 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.