



## March Volunteer of the Month Celebrated



***L to R: Allison Schmitt, Helpline Center; Dr. Isaiah Crevier, BCYMP Board Member; Darla Biel, BCYMP Executive Director; Rea McKeown, Volunteer of the Month; Ali Teesdale, BCYMP Volunteer Coordinator***

The Helpline Center congratulates Rea McKeown on being named the March 2021 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and First Bank & Trust.

Rea is a Brookings County Youth Mentoring Program (BCYMP) board member, programming committee member, and advocate for the program. Since 2019, she has served the organization and has been a committed and energetic team member who is ready to take on new projects.

Rea is always willing to go above and beyond for BCYMP. Recently, she helped make the BCYMP Raffle a successful fundraiser by selling the most raffle tickets. The time and effort that she puts forth serving does not go unnoticed. She also offered baked goods to encourage

donations to BCYMP on Giving Tuesday. This gesture is one of many that showcases Rea's generous and caring spirit. Lastly, she is always willing to help around the office with whatever tasks that are asked of her. Staff at BCYMP said "It doesn't matter how big or little a task may be, Rea understands that even helping staff make phone calls helps BCYMP's mission."

Not only has Rea served BCYMP, but also Brookings Area United Way, Habitat for Humanity, Volunteer Service Bank, and CASA. Her commitment to make Brookings a better place is truly inspiring.

Congratulations, Rea, on being our much-deserved March Volunteer of the Month!

For information on volunteer opportunities or the Volunteer of the Month program, please contact Allison Schmitt at [bkvol@helplinecenter.org](mailto:bkvol@helplinecenter.org) or call 211 for more information.