



**L to R: Karen Waller, MetaBank; Shonda Mobley, Senior Companions; Jon Youngberg, October Volunteer of the Month; Connie Christensen, Senior Companions; Kristin Fox, Senior Companions; Jennifer Palmer, Senior Companions; and Susie Ryks, Helpline Center**

### **October Volunteer of the Month**

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

As a Senior Companion, Jon Youngberg provides supportive services that enable adults who need some assistance to maintain independent living. He provides weekly scheduled visits to individuals living in their homes or apartments. Depending on client needs, Jon may provide assistance with activities that might include: shopping and errands, trips to the library, light household tasks, reading, making phone calls, assisting with mail, transportation to doctor appointments and most importantly – conversation, listening and companionship.

Jon has been a Companion for over 12 years and currently has four clients. He is currently serving 15 hours each week with his four clients, one of those clients he visits twice a week. Since beginning the Senior Companion Program on March 22, 2006, Jon has volunteered over 9,900 hours and received the Lifetime Presidential Award in 2012.

Each one of Jon's clients are grateful for his commitment, assistance, kindness, and friendship. One client simply states, "He is a lifesaver." The Senior Companion Program would like to express our sincerest appreciation to Jon Youngberg, our Volunteer of the Month nominee, for his commitment not only to his clients, but also to the Senior Companion Program.

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