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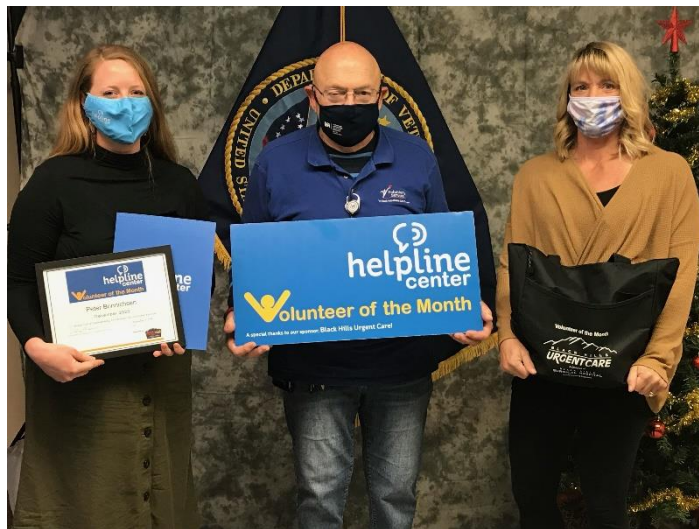
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**Helpline Center & Black Hills Urgent Care name
December Volunteer of the Month**



Pictured left to right: Audrey Nordine of Helpline Center, Peter Bonnichsen December Volunteer of the Month, and Kathy Minnick of Black Hills Urgent Care and Surgical Hospital

RAPID CITY - The Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care are pleased to announce that Peter Bonnichsen has been named the December 2020 Volunteer of the Month. Peter was nominated by Black Hills Health Care Fort Meade VA.

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.

Peter has been volunteering since 2013, 2-3 days a week at Black Hills Health Care Fort Meade VA, even through COVID19. Peter works the information desks, and Hospice at the VA Hospital. Melody from Black Hills Health Care says, "We have many first time Veterans that are unfamiliar with our facility and with his knowledge of the VA, this makes their first visit pleasant."

Peter has been volunteering for 7 years in Hospice. He jumped in to lend a helping hand when the hospital was short on volunteers. He is the first face the Veterans and their families see when entering the hospital, always smiling and beyond helpful.

Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care presented Peter with a framed certificate, a letter from Mayor Allender, and gifts from Black Hills Urgent Care and Surgical Hospital.

For information on volunteer opportunities, please call the Helpline Center at 211 or visit volunteer.helplinecenter.org