



## September 2018 Volunteer of the Month



**Photo (L to R): Kristin Fox, Senior Companions of SD Executive Director; Connie Christensen, Senior Companions of SD Program Coordinator; Loretta Hill, September Volunteer of the Month; Shonda Mobley, Senior Companions of SD Volunteer Recruiter; Susie Ryks, Helpline Center Volunteer Services Director; and Tera Finley, MetaBank.**

The Helpline Center congratulates Loretta Hill on being named the September 2018 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and MetaBank.

Loretta regularly volunteers with Senior Companions of South Dakota. Loretta provides supportive services that enable adults who need some assistance to maintain independent living. She provides weekly, scheduled visits to individuals living in their homes or apartments. Depending on client needs, Loretta may provide assistance with activities that might include: shopping and errands, light housekeeping, meal planning/preparation/sharing, reading, writing letters, making phone calls, paying bills, completing forms, medication reminders, transportation to doctor appointments and most importantly – conversation, listening and companionship.

Loretta has volunteered over 4,700 hours since October 31, 2012. She received the Gold Presidential Award in 2014 and the Lifetime Presidential Award in 2018. Currently serves 16 hours a week with 6 clients.

One of Loretta's clients shared "Loretta takes me to the grocery store and to an array of appointments. Being 90, I sometimes have a hard time getting around. When we do go out,

Loretta is very patient and so much help. She helps me find things in the store and puts them into the cart. When we get home she carries in the groceries and puts them away. If I'm not feeling well, she will just come and spend time with me. When I was able to walk better we went to places like the Butterfly House and to a movie. I don't know what I would do without her and can't say enough good things about her. Loretta is a kind and loving person and I'm grateful she's my Senior Companion."

The Helpline Center and MetaBank are pleased to present Loretta 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 9, 2019.