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



Left to Right: Kathy Minnick with Black Hills Urgent Care, September Volunteer of the Month Lisa Saunders, Monica Colby of the Rapid City Fire Department, and Heidi Bell Gease with Helpline Center.

RAPID CITY - The Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care are pleased to announce that Lisa Saunders has been named the September 2018 Volunteer of the Month.

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.

Saunders was nominated by the Rapid City Fire Department, where she has been serving as Lead Fire Corps Volunteer with the Rapid City Fire Department's Fire & Life Safety Division for over two years.

Lisa taught safety lessons to over 4,000 elementary and preschool children in 2017. She is the engine pushing the safety programs to more audiences and increasing the quality of the Rapid City Fire Department efforts.

She works on lesson plans, scheduling, prop development, and ways to improve delivery when she isn't in front of a mesmerized crowd. She also has improved the intervention program for families with a child who has started a fire and works with each family to improve their safety and stop youth from starting fires in our community.

Lisa is a powerhouse of energy, ideas, and cheer. She makes every program possible but more importantly, she makes every presentation and program a joy to develop and deliver. The Fire and Life Division could not protect as many people in our community as we do without Lisa. She is directly responsible for teaching injury prevention, fire prevention, and fire safety to more people in the community than any paid staff.

Lisa works hard to bring in more volunteers and outside assistance to improve our programs and reach more of our community. Monica Colby exclaims, "We simply could not do what we do without Lisa."

Helpline Center and Black Hills Urgent Care presented Saunders with a framed certificate and Helpline Center T-shirt, gifts from Black Hills Urgent Care and a letter of appreciation from Rapid City Mayor Steve Allender. The Helpline Center will also recognize Saunders at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards banquet on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center.

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