



**L-R: Chad Moller, Dakotaland Federal Credit Union; November Volunteer of the Month Winner, Lynn Darnall; Sarah Lippert, Helpline Center**

### **November Volunteer of the Month Celebrated**

The Helpline Center congratulates Lynn Darnall on being named the November 2017 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and Dakotaland Federal Credit Union.

There to honor and thank Lynn were Vanessa Merhib, Executive Director; Jenny Grendler, Director of Program Operations; Chad Moller, Dakotaland Federal Credit Union, and; Sarah Lippert, Volunteer Connections Coordinator; and numerous Council Members.

Lynn was one of the founders of the Boys & Girls Club of Brookings, volunteering before the organization even existed. She helped to organize volunteers, fundraise, secure a location, hire staff and start the Boys & Girls Club with 100 members 13 years ago. Since then, Lynn has

served on the Board of Directors and Advisory Council. She has helped the Brookings Club grow to over 2,000 members with an average daily attendance of 400 youth. In addition to that Club, the board helped two additional communities to start Clubs as part of the Brookings organization (Moody County and Yankton). Lynn has volunteered in fundraising, policy creation and review, mentoring youth and staff, assisting with special events, marketing efforts and most importantly, always advocating for youth and their safety and opportunities.

The incredible growth of the Club would not be possible without Lynn's tireless work, leadership and can do attitude. You can't help but get excited around Lynn because she brings a contagious passion with her wherever she goes. It would be an honor to see Lynn chosen as volunteer of the month in Brookings as she has given so much of herself not just to our organization but to the whole community. Thousands of kids and families lives are better because of Lynn's work and dedication to our mission and to helping others. Brookings would not be the community it is today without the help of Lynn Darnall.

For information on volunteer opportunities please call the Helpline Center at 211 or visit [www.helplinecenter.org](http://www.helplinecenter.org).