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2016 Spirit of Volunteerism Award Winners Announced

RAPID CITY - More than 350 people, including local community leaders, non-profit agency representatives and business executives, turned out Tuesday, May 24, for the inaugural Spirit of Volunteerism Awards luncheon at the Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza. The Helpline Center hosted the luncheon, which recognized and celebrated the efforts of 82 nominees, honorees and award winners.

The Spirit of Volunteerism awards are made possible through the generous support of Scull Construction, BankWest and Black Hills Energy. Midco sponsored a commemorative program for the event. Winners of the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards in the Youth, Adult and Group Categories each received \$500 to be awarded to a non-profit or charitable organization of their choice. In addition, Black Hills Urgent Care recognized each Volunteer of the Month from the previous year.

The 2016 winners are:

- Youth Category: **Lilly Gibson**, for helping raise awareness of runaway and homeless youth through Teen Up and Take ACTION
- Adult Category: **Cathie Harris**, for her volunteer work with Lifeline Connection of the Black Hills
- Group Category: **Mike & Mickie Pszanka**, for providing a home for five children in the past 15 months through Bethany Christian Services Safe Families for Children.
- Corporate Humanitarian Category: **Ellsworth Air Force Base**, for their consistent volunteer support to Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity

The following Black Hills Urgent Care Volunteers of the Month were also recognized:

- June - Bob DeWald, nominated by Black Hills Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.
- July - Robert Burns, nominated by the Hope Center.
- August - Carol Grothe, nominated by SD Game Fish & Parks Campus West.
- September - Matt Klein, nominated by Northern Hills Alliance for Children.
- October - Jason Miller, nominated by Love INC.
- November - Helen Riedlinger, nominated by VA Black Hills Health Care System.
- December - The late Bruce Skeie, nominated by Western South Dakota Senior Services Meals.
- January - Chuck and Carolyn Ellington, nominated by Humane Society of the Black Hills.
- February - Roxi Kenzy, nominated by Bethany Christian Services Safe Families for Children.
- March - Larry Converse, nominated by Dakota Horizons, Girl Scouts.
- April - Margaret Skillman, nominated by Rapid City Arts Council.
- May - Marilyn Mulz, nominated by Rapid City Club for Boys.