Volunteer of the Month March, 2025, Amelia Schaefbauer

Hello, and thank you all for coming today! I am Brad Keizer with the Helpline Center. This program is sponsored by our friends at the Independent Insurance Agents of Rapid City, so we begin by thanking them publicly for their support. The Helpline Center is the volunteer center for the Black Hills region and we help people who want to volunteer to connect with nonprofit organizations that need volunteers. We also help appreciate volunteers in our area and one way we love to do that is with our Volunteer of the Month program. We get *many* nominations for this program, but…. can select only 12 per year.

Today we are happy to announce that Amelia Schaefbauer, nominated by The Youth City Council has been named the March 2025 Volunteer of the Month!

Amelia is an amazing young leader that serves in a variety of volunteer and leadership roles within the community. She the has a heart for service to others and has served on the Youth City Council (YCC) for the last two years. She even engaged in YCC committee work prior to that. Amelia has implemented a variety of projects that improve the overall well-being of community members. Amelia has supported the Boredom Bag project, the “Tough Enough to Wear Pink,” campaign with Monument Health, a positive popsicle project, a positive post-it notes project, a kite flying project with the Optimist Club, a community wellness bingo project, and a mental health Easter egg project during her terms with the Youth City Council.

Amelia has also supported the Minneluzahan Senior Prom, served on the RCAS Student Voice Forum, and represented her peers as an RCAS School Board Student Representative. She has been a volunteer writer for the Take ACTion team that creates short films about topics relevant to young people.

Amelia is like the energizer bunny – she keeps going, and going, and going. She is dedicated to helping others and is willing to have hard conversations and shift her energy when adjustments are needed. Her warm and welcoming personality creates an environment that encourages others to engage in the work that she is doing too. We are proud of Amelia and the work that she has done.

The Helpline Center is proudly presenting Amelia with a Volunteer of the Month certificate, a letter from Mayor Solomun, and a few gifts from the Helpline Center as a thank you for her impressive & greatly appreciated volunteer service. Congratulations and thank you, to Amelia Schaefbauer!