

December 2023 Sioux Empire Volunteer of the Month Paul Licht



Left to Right: Allyssa Albrecht, Feeding SD;
Jennie Marks, Helpline Center, Paul Licht,
Honoree; Dawn Stephens, Wellmark

The Helpline Center congratulates Paul Licht on being named the Sioux Empire December 2023 Volunteer of the Month. Volunteer of the Month is an area-wide award program sponsored by Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of SD. Paul is nominated by Feeding South Dakota.

His nomination states, “Paul serves at our Feeding South Dakota Distribution Center. Here, he helps with packing boxes for the mobile food pantry and senior box programs, packing bags for the BackPack program, and sorting donated food and produce when needed. Paul is especially helpful with some of our more difficult tasks like running our compactors and pallet jacks.

Paul has been a regular volunteer with us since early 2021. He serves twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday, for a three-hour shift. He recently achieved a milestone of service over 600 hours with Feeding South Dakota!

Paul is a dedicated volunteer with Feeding South Dakota. He reliably shows up early to serve, and he gets right to work when he arrives - making sure everything runs smoothly for the other volunteers. He always greets staff and other volunteers warmly, and we look forward to seeing him each week! Paul goes above and beyond as a volunteer, for example, he took our dull scissors home to sharpen them! He is not only a wonderful volunteer, but a caring and friendly individual. He makes sure we send cards to volunteers when they are out for surgery or sick. When Paul is here, he creates an environment other volunteers want to be around. He has made our Thursday afternoon shifts the most popular time to volunteer! For his dedication to the mission of ending hunger in South Dakota and his heart to serve, Paul is very deserving of the Volunteer of the Month Award!”

The Helpline Center is pleased to present Paul with a framed certificate and a letter of appreciation from Mayor Paul Ten Haken.



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