



February Volunteer of the Month Celebrated



L to R: Connie Bridges, Mortgage Loan Officer with First Bank and Trust; Bill Alsaker, Volunteer of the Month; Allison Schmitt, Helpline Center; Keith Corbett, City of Brookings Mayor

The Helpline Center congratulates Bill Alsaker on being named the February 2020 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and First Bank and Trust.

Bill has volunteered as an assistant teacher in the Boys & Girls Club Power Up program for the past three summers. During this program, he taught youth math using his secondary education as a math professor at SDSU. Once the school year began, he continued to teach math in the Club Tutors program. Bill works one-on-one with youth to develop resiliency and to successfully

complete their homework. In the past, Bill has also been a STEM mentor for two years and served as a judge for the Youth of the Year program.

Bill first began volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club in 2015, and has been a consistent volunteer throughout the years. Currently, Bill dedicates both Monday and Tuesday afternoons to volunteering at the Club. Bill has been incredibly helpful and committed to the Boys & Girls Club. He is currently a math professor at South Dakota State University, and dedicates his free time to help youth succeed in school! Bill's unwavering dedication to Club Tutors lowers the ratio of youth per staff. Being a non-profit organization, these beneficial ratios can sometimes be difficult to achieve. Bill creates an impactful learning environment, where youth are motivated and eager to learn! The Club believes to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need them most, to realize their full potential as responsible, caring, and productive citizens. Bill is an instrumental team member for them to carry out this mission.

Bill is known to be humble about his volunteer experience, but staff recognize the major impact he has on the youth at the Club. Bill's volunteer efforts affect not only the Club, but also the community. Brookings is simply a better place because of him.

Congratulations, Bill, on being our much-deserved February Volunteer of the Month!

For information on volunteer opportunities or the Volunteer of the Month program, please contact Allison Schmitt at bkvol@helplinecenter.org or call 211 for more information.