

BENEFITING ADULTS AWARDS

Philip Area Retired Teachers Association – This unit is working to preserve the history of the Masonic cemetery and its burial records. Memorial contributions and volunteer labor are making this \$21,000 project a lasting success.

They remarked that Philip is located along the Deadwood Trail and that is why they felt that it was necessary to preserve the history.

Sioux Falls Area Retired Teachers – Their project Lunch is Served is a success. Volunteers packed lunches for the working poor who are attempting to break the chains of poverty. Once the lunch is packed, a short note of encouragement is included.

As their website says, the lunch helps the hunger needs as well as builds self-esteem and gives encouragement.

Pierre Area Retired Teachers Association – Their membership stepped up to help with two major food drives. Both drives replenished the Food Pantry which assists 1,943 households. The Post Office Food Drive brought in 7,000 pounds of food. The Boy Scouts food drive collected 4,788 pounds. The number of pallets filled with food was phenomenal!

They said that this is their way of helping to fight hunger in the Pierre and Ft. Pierre areas.

INSPIRATIONAL VOLUNTEERING AWARDS

Winner Area Retired Personnel – They are proud of the collection of their many activities. Our whole group project of the school at the county museum continues to be rewarding as it has been an on-going project of improvements. The school looks nice inside and out. All ages come to view the history.

They said that at whatever task they undertake, the project helps others to know that they have support and community love.

HONORABLE MENTION AWARDS

Huron Area Retired Teachers for their concern to gather and distribute supplies to Madison, Washington, and Buchanan Schools.

Yankton Area Retired Teachers Association for their continued service to the Sack Pack program, scholarship program, and 4-H activities.

Milbank Area Retired Teachers Association for their mentorship encouraging volunteering when and where needed with youth, to include unpaid substitute teaching.

Oahe Area Retired Teachers for their joy to build more self confidence in the youth in their community. They are always there to help the kids.

Redfield Area Retired Teachers for their focus on the Back Pack Program that provides needy students with food and drinks for the weekend. Their work has resulted in better nutrition among the students.

Northern Hills Retired Teachers Association for their excitement to help retirees find ways to volunteer within their communities. May they live a *Life Reimagined*.