



2009-2010 WITH OUR YOUTH AWARDS

With the theme “**Volunteers don’t necessarily have the time but they have heart,**” many of our SDRTA Units do a variety of services for our youth. One unit presents four scholarships to benefit students. Two scholarships are awarded to high school seniors and two are awarded to education majors at BHSU. This unit also does other volunteer services for students including reading at the fair, the mall and stock show as well as working with Boy Scouts, and Space Day at SDSM. But perhaps their long time continuing yearly project (The Keystone School Project) is what truly inspires some 800 to 1000 students with a love of learning as they step back in time and experience school activities of long ago and learn more about the history of the area.

Congratulations to **Black Hills Area Retired Teachers Association** .
(Margaret Anderson is their Community Service Chairperson and co-presidents are Nancy May and Cheryl Zimiga)

SECOND 2009-2010 WITH OUR YOUTH AWARD WINNER

One of the trends this past year in several of our units has been more focus on meeting nutritional and food needs for student on the weekends. This particular unit has many members involved in programs that benefit youth including mentoring, tutoring, reading to students, Reading Buddies, school crossing guards, food drive with US Postal System as well as fundraisers for students for music programs and camps. This past year this unit has been most proud of working with PARS where volunteers organize and assemble food items for children, for weekend snacks and meals. These weekend bags totaling about 250 weekly are delivered to elementary schools in the Pierre and Ft. Pierre area. Several other organizations take turns for a month or so to make this worthwhile project successful and benefit the children in the area. We all know how important

nourishment is to a student’s learning. Congratulations to **the Pierre Area Retired Teachers Association**. (Nancy Baker is the Community Service Chair and she and Jean Easland serve as co-presidents)
