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LEADERSHIP BROOKINGS MARCH VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The Brookings Area United Way congratulates the class of Leadership Brookings on being named the March 2023 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by First Bank & Trust.

The Leadership Brookings Class of 2023 is comprised of 30 individuals working a variety of jobs in the community from banking, government, non-profit, manufacturing, engineering, management, marketing, and more. Leadership Brookings is a preparation program with an emphasis on collaborative leadership, community engagement, and individual skillset in response to Brookings area civic, government, business, and industry needs.

Through this program, the Class of 2023 had an opportunity to select a service project. The service project selected was helping move the Food Pantry, Brookings Backpack Project, and the Brookings Area United Way into their new building located at 908 Hope Drive. Many participants took time in the workdays and weekends to contribute an impressive total of 140 hours to the project. Alongside the move, the Leadership Brookings class spent several hours organizing the move side by side with the executive directors of the various organizations.

Thank you, Leadership Brookings Class of 2023, for your contributions to the Brookings Community!

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