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## NEW BORN LEARNING TRAIL PAINTED IN BROOKINGS

Brookings, SD – First Bank & Trust employees recently donated a total of 8 volunteer hours by painting one of the new Born Learning Trails available in Brookings County. This trail is north of First Lutheran Church located at 337 8<sup>th</sup> St. This trail was installed by volunteers at First Lutheran Church, who also contributed several volunteer hours.

The Born Learning Trail initiative includes a series of 10 interactive signs that offer evidence-based, active learning opportunities for young children and their families. United Way Worldwide started this initiative through its Born Learning series.

With centrally located early-childhood education activities, like a Born Learning Trail, all families have an equitable opportunity for early learning experiences. These trails also provide free outdoor educational opportunities to those providing daycare, after-school programs, and other organizations.

“We are thankful to have volunteers help us complete projects like these as the trails bring free, interactive learning for children in the community and have a large impact, but they take quite a bit of time to complete. We wouldn’t be able to do it without the volunteers,” said Heidi Gullickson, Executive Director of Brookings Area United Way.

You can find more trails in Brookings County, along with this one. Trails are in the following areas: Hillcrest Park and McClemans Park in Brookings and Arthur Graslie City Park in White, SD.

If you want to volunteer with Brookings Area United Way, please visit <https://brookingsunitedway.org/volunteer-united/>, email [volunteer@brookingsunitedway.org](mailto:volunteer@brookingsunitedway.org), or call 605-692-4979.

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