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## GRACE NAVARRO NAMED NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The Brookings Area United Way's Volunteer United program congratulates Grace Navarro on being named the November 2023 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by First Bank & Trust.

Navarro is a volunteer for Lutheran Social Service's Better Together. The Better Together program matches older adults ages 65 and up, called "Neighbors," with volunteers to provide socialization, friendship, share resources, and build a relationship. Navarro has been partnered with her neighbor, a 74-year-old woman, for five years.

Each volunteer is required to volunteer four hours a month; however, Navarro goes above and beyond by spending anywhere from 8-16 hours per month with her neighbor. Navarro has provided countless hours of socialization to her neighbor, along with helping her reconnect with the city of Brookings and other local communities by providing transportation to numerous events, businesses, and more.

The value of Navarro's time and commitment have added to her neighbor's life is immeasurable. Thank you, Grace, for all you have done for your neighbor and the Better Together program.

If you are interested in making an impact similar to Grace's, you can learn more about this program and apply here: <https://lsssd.org/what-we-do/better-together/index.html>.

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