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## FAMILY BACK2SCHOOL PROJECT NAMED JUNE VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Brookings, SD - The Brookings Area United Way's Volunteer United program congratulates Brookings Family Back2School Project on being named the June 2024 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by First Bank & Trust.

The work of dedicated volunteers, committed to the success of the youth in Brookings County, is the heart of the Family Back2School Project. "These volunteers tirelessly gather necessary supplies and organize a shopping day where students can select their school essentials in a store-like setting," according to Brookings School District employee Michelle Vande Weerd. "The community is fortunate to have such devoted individuals. Each summer, the Family Back2School Project provides children with the supplies they need to start the school year off right, creating an atmosphere of excitement and readiness among the students."

The Family Back2School Project is pivotal to the success and comfortability of the students as they provide free school supplies to all students in Brookings County. The event also provides hygiene items, dental items, and assistance for a pair of shoes. We are grateful for all they do for our community.

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