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## SANDRA VANDERLUGT NAMED JULY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

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

Project Coordinator of the Brookings Backpack Project, Cathy Ching, says, "I knew we were looking for Board Members and I thought Sandy would be a perfect addition to the group." She has brought so much to the program through her leadership ideas and her ability to offer suggestions and follow through with things is amazing.

The Brookings Backpack Project is so appreciative of all the advice and progress she has been responsible for during her nine years. She served as board President for the past three years. "Sandy brought much knowledge and structure to the organization, and she will be greatly missed, as her term ends in October," says Cathy Ching.

She is currently handing out bags to summer participants and promises not to be a stranger and they want her to know that after one year off, she can apply to be board member again. We are so grateful for the work Sandy does for the community!

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