

HEALING HEARTS OF THE BLACK HILLS

HOBO'S HELPERS

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Former activist Elizabeth Andrew once stated, "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." While Andrew was a leader and volunteer of her time in the early 1900s, the importance of volunteerism still rings true for organizations and causes across the globe. Volunteers with a drive to give back to their communities and help make life a little easier for others is something that Hobo's Healing Heart depends on. Hobo's Healing Heart, a local nonprofit organization, provides pet owners in the Black Hills the financial means to not have to decide between helping their pet or paying debts. With the support of volunteers and local donations, Hobo's Healing Heart can prevent animal owners from having to decide between euthanizing or surrendering their pet due to the financial burden of such care.

Two volunteers who have really helped impact Hobo's Healing Heart throughout the years include Chrissy Liggett and Michelle Moore. Both women have provided their time and support for Hobo's Healing Heart throughout the last four years and have helped save the lives of countless animals.

Michelle became interested in giving back to Hobo's Healing Heart after the organization helped treat her own dog, Roxy. "Volunteering with Hobo's Healing Heart is a way to help pay back what they did for me and Roxy," shared Michelle. While Chrissy has never used Hobo's Healing Heart for services, she understood what it was

like to need extra help when it came to emergency services for children or her pets. "I wanted to pay it forward and help others," Chrissy said.

For both women, volunteering with Hobo's Healing Heart has provided them the ability to give back to the people of their community and the pets who need help. The organization provides services to much of the Black Hills including Butte, Custer, Lawrence, and Meade Counties in South Dakota, as well as Crook County in Wyoming. Dedicated volunteers, like Michelle and Chrissy, strive to provide the best care possible.

"Anytime we can help animals in need, that's a success. Without this organization, some people cannot afford vet bills for regular visits due to changes in their circumstances, let alone the costs associated with an emergency situation. Hobo's Healing Heart is the calm in the storm; they are there to help however they can," Chrissy said.

Hobo's Healing Heart is changing the way pet owners can provide for their pets, particularly during unseen circumstances. Since 2014, the organization has assisted 58 families and has paid over \$16,000 in grants for emergency veterinary costs, diagnostic testing, and cremations with the majority of funds allocated to emergency care.

If you are looking for a way to give back to our community, help families in need, and love animals

- volunteering at Hobo's Healing Heart is for you. To learn more about what you can do to help, contact Hobo's Healing Heart by email at hoboshealingheart@gmail.com or by calling 605-569-6919. Hobo's Healing Heart aims to help all families and pets in need and through donations and active volunteerism, this organization will be able to continue serving those who need it most in the Black Hills.

Hobo's Healing Heart is currently seeking sponsors as well as auction and raffle items for two upcoming fundraisers in Spearfish on July 27, 2019 at the Sledgefest Music Festival and on October 26, 2019 in Belle Fourche at the Wag'N'Walk 5K Fun Run/Walk.



Call 605-569-6919 for more information.



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