

One in a *Ver* Million

Meet Sue Jopling

By David Lias

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The recipient of this year's United Way of Vermillion Volunteer of the Year Award is best known for her work with the Back to School Backpack Program.

"But if there is a need to be filled in this community, she is always willing to fill it," said Dan Kenton, president of the United Way of Vermillion, shortly before he and Kelsey Collier-Wise, the organization's executive director, presented the award to Sue Jopling at the annual Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce and Community Awards Banquet, held March 14 at the Eagles Club.

Kenton noted that Jopling's contributions to the community range from participating in international mission trips, filling sandbags during Missouri River flooding in the Vermillion area, and giving input to the Civic Council Board as one of its members, to serving as a Caring Clown and providing her talents to her church and the community's schools.

"She has committed her life to caring for others and

making them feel special," Kenton said. "The success of the Back to School Backpack Program reflects that care. Every fall, over 200 children in our community are outfitted with backpacks and the school supplies they need to excel."

He added that throughout the year, Sue solicits everything from haircuts and dental supplies for local youth, and goes out of her way to deliver backpacks to kids who need them.

A letter nominating Sue for the award states, "As one works with Sue, it becomes evident that she knows each child, what they need, and it is absolutely a wonderful thing to watch happen. The children are gifted with a beautiful smile and total acceptance – no questions asked."

"The things that I do – I never do it by myself," Sue told the banquet audience as she accepted the award. "I do it with support from The Welcome Table, and United Way, and my family. I want to say thank you to everybody for the support that you give, especially to the Back to School program."



Dan Kenton, president of the United Way of Vermillion, and Kelsey Collier-Wise, the organization's executive director, present Sue Jopling with the United Way of Vermillion Volunteer of the Year Award.

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