

Volunteer of the Month – Jennifer Jackson



Councilman Carol A. Schuldt presented the Volunteers of the Month, Jennifer Jackson with a plaque on behalf of the City in appreciation for all that Jennifer does for the community on March 11th, 2019.

Jennifer Jividen Jackson is a Siouxland native, growing up in South Sioux City and graduating college from Briar Cliff in 1999 majoring in psychology and art. Jennifer graduated with her master's in art therapy from the University of Louisville in 2001. She stayed there for ten years working at the state hospital and co-founded an arts based day program for adults with mental illness and intellectual disabilities called Mariposa Place that is still going today.

Jennifer is an advocate of behavioral health and has served as past president of the Kentucky Art Therapy Association, past president of the Iowa Art Therapy Association, past chair for the Education Programs Approval Board for the American Art Therapy Association and is currently Secretary for the American Art Therapy Association.

Jennifer is the Executive Director at Heartland Counseling Services, Inc., a 501©3, non-profit, community behavioral health center for 11 counties in northeast Nebraska and all of Siouxland. At the local level, Jennifer serves as a chamber of commerce ambassador, board member for Dakota County Connections, board member for Siouxland Coalition for Homelessness, and committee member for Leadership Dakota County.

Jennifer and husband Rory have three wonderful children, Lochlin, Ireland, and Magdelyn and reside in Sioux City. If Jennifer is not in the office, she's on the golf course or at a sports event watching her children have fun.