



In partnership with:

April 19, 2026

We are kicking off the 36<sup>th</sup> year of recognizing volunteers through the **Someone Special Volunteer Program**. The United Way of Bemidji Area is hosting this program in partnership with Ken K. Thompson Jewelry, The Bemidji Pioneer, and Paul Bunyan Broadcasting. Take advantage of this opportunity to thank your “special” volunteers who add so much to your organization. Let’s show our volunteers just how “special” they really are!

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

1. To recognize your outstanding volunteer(s) with the Someone Special Award, please complete the attached form for each volunteer or download from [www.UnitedWayBemidji.org/someone-special-volunteers](http://www.UnitedWayBemidji.org/someone-special-volunteers)
  - You may recognize up to two volunteers to receive the Someone Special award.
  - **The preferred method for completing the form is electronic format.**
  - Use a separate form for each volunteer.
2. Save the form as your agency name and the last name of the volunteer (example: United Way Phipps.pdf)
3. Include a photo of your volunteer and save it with your agency name and volunteer’s last name (United Way Phipps pic.jpg). *Photo will be used in the Bemidji Pioneer, website, and social media.*
4. Email completed form(s) and photo(s) of the volunteer(s) to [megan@unitedwaybemidji.org](mailto:megan@unitedwaybemidji.org).

Questions? Please contact Megan at the United Way at 444-8929 or e-mail [megan@unitedwaybemidji.org](mailto:megan@unitedwaybemidji.org).

**DEADLINE: Thursday, May 7, 2026.**

#### **ALL VOLUNTEERS SUBMITTED FOR THE SOMEONE SPECIAL VOLUNTEER AWARD WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Recognition on the morning shows of KB101, KZY95.5 and Z99
- An article and picture in the Bemidji Pioneer
- An engraved personalized plaque from Ken K. Thompson Jewelry (available at UW on May 29<sup>th</sup>)
- Recognition on the United Way of Bemidji Area website and Facebook page

*\*Organizations will be notified in advance as to when Paul Bunyan Broadcasting and The Bemidji Pioneer will feature their nominated volunteer and when the plaque from Ken K. Thompson will be ready.*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT UNITED WAY DOES NOT NOTIFY VOLUNTEERS OF THEIR RECOGNITION. THAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NOMINATING ORGANIZATION.**

**Company/Organization Information**

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| Organization Name                       |  |               |  |
| Organization Address                    |  |               |  |
| Name of the person completing this form |  |               |  |
| Contact Phone                           |  | Contact Email |  |

**2026 Someone Special Volunteer Information**

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| Name of volunteer   |  |
| Phonetic spelling of name of volunteer<br><i>(needed for radio)</i> |  |
| Number of hours volunteered   |  |
| Value of volunteered hours<br>(\$28.54 x hours volunteered = value) |  |
| Number of people impacted by volunteer                              |  |

**Please provide a brief description of your organization and how the recognized volunteer contributes to your organization (maximum word count is 100):**

**Thank you for recognizing the value of those in our community who volunteer their time and talent to create opportunities for a better life for all.**

