

Volunteering

...the essence of hospice



Give the Gift of Caring!



Did you know?

Our hospice staff and volunteers provide the care necessary for the physical and emotional well-being of hundreds of patients and their loved ones each year.



Volunteering begins with attending the initial class orientation session. Volunteers are identified for patient care and/or office activities based on their personal choices, interests and talents. Individuals who choose patient care participate in orientation and training which includes the philosophy of hospice, communication skills, patient care, patient and volunteer rights and other topics. Those who choose to be office volunteers can participate in the full training program or basic hospice orientation. Volunteers play a crucial role. We depend on our volunteer staff not only for direct patient care but also for office activities. At Hearts for Hospice the opportunities for volunteers to make a difference are as varied and individualized as the volunteers themselves.

Patient Care Activities

- Visit or call a patient or family member
- Companionship
- Shopping, errands, and meal preparation
- Reading aloud
- Listening to music together
- Looking at photos together
- Sharing a quiet moment together
- Going on walks with patient or family
- Sitting with a patient
- Playing games together
- Help with household chores
- Nutritional education
- Bereavement support

Helping Office Staff

- Answer phones
- Typing letters
- Filing and data entry
- Newsletter
- Graphic arts
- Running photocopier
- Volunteer recruitment
- Skilled services, such as photography
- Errands to stores, post office, etc.
- Sending birthday and sympathy cards
- Setting up for lunch and dinner meetings