

Hospice Volunteers

Hospice is a concept of care that provides comfort and support to terminally ill people and their families. The goal is to help a hospice client's last months be as fulfilling and comfortable as possible.

Hospice volunteers often form close bonds with patients and family members. They can assist client's family members by providing companionship, respite care, running errands and providing spiritual support. They may write letters, take clients on outings, or read to them.

Volunteers assist staff in fulfilling the patient's unmet needs. Hospice volunteers also assist with fundraisers, clerical work, assembly of newsletters, support groups and memorial services.

In addition to initial training, hospice volunteers have opportunities for ongoing education and meet at least quarterly. They are reimbursed for mileage and other expenses incurred, but volunteer their time.

Hospice volunteers must be caring, emotionally mature, comfortable talking about death and dying, and able to fulfill commitments made to patients, families, and other hospital team members.

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Caring People...Caring for People

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The Redwood Area Hospital is committed to providing high quality, professional healthcare services to the community.

Volunteers assist the hospital with this mission by providing support in many capacities.

This brochure is intended to provide a summary of some of our volunteer opportunities.

Individuals interested in supporting the hospital through volunteer services are encouraged to contact the volunteer services coordinator to discuss their interests.

Serenity Garden Club

The Serenity Garden, located on the west lawn of the hospital, was created to be enjoyed by patients, visitors and community members. Volunteers are occasionally needed to help with maintenance of the garden, planting, watering and mulching.

Members of the club are also invited to special programs and meetings with others who share a common interest in gardening.

Auxiliary

The purpose of the Redwood Area Hospital Auxiliary is to promote and advance the welfare of Redwood Area Hospital through ways approved by the Redwood Area Hospital Commission. This is accomplished by service to the hospital and its patients, family members, visitors and staff.

Some of the projects of the Auxiliary include the Hospital Gift Shop, LifeLine Response Units, and Baby Birthday Portraits. Proceeds of these projects have helped support the Redwood Area Hospital Foundation, Serenity Garden, refurbish patient rooms, purchase needed equipment and many other worthwhile projects.

As a recognized Hospital Auxiliary, members elect officers and hold regular monthly meetings. Auxiliary business is discussed at this time. A report of the hospital activities is given and auxiliary members have an opportunity to meet and visit with hospital staff. A program and light lunch generally follow the meeting.



Redwood Area Hospital Serenity Garden

Caring Connection ~ Adult Day Services

Caring Connection, Adult Day Services, is a program of the hospital which provides comfortable and relaxing surroundings to individuals who need extra support to remain in the community.

Caring Connection provides a safe environment and opportunities for socialization and health monitoring.

Volunteers assisting in this department have an opportunity to spend one-on-one time with a client while staff members tend to other clients. Opportunities are available for volunteers to provide entertainment, play cards, read, serve snacks, make crafts, and share stories or experiences.

Volunteers assist staff with errands, host parties and help with special outings.

Friends of the Hospital

The Friends of the Hospital are an informal group of volunteers with a desire to show support to the hospital and the services it provides.

Friends are called upon to assist with occasional projects, both large and small. They do not hold regular meetings, but will have planning meetings for larger projects.

Friends have assisted staff with health-related community projects, assembled newsletters, served as greeters, and assisted with special clerical projects.