

Volunteer Program

Horizon Hospice has an active volunteer program. People from teens to retirees and from all walks of life are able to use their talents to provide comfort and support for patients and their families.

Why Volunteer? Everyone has different reasons for volunteering, but everyone that volunteers has a strong desire to be of service to others. Volunteering with hospice is a wonderful opportunity for personal and spiritual growth. The work you are asked to do is meaningful, interesting, and challenging. Volunteering provides opportunities to share gifts and talents. In addition to being a part of a group that gives to those in need, being part of our hospice volunteer team gives volunteers a place to find fellowship, socialization, and friendship. Volunteering gives a sense of being valued and needed while giving back to the community.

How will I know what to do? Our hospice volunteers are required to complete 24 clock hours of training. The curriculum includes information on the hospice philosophy, the hospice team, terminal illness, signs and symptoms of approaching death, the importance of life review, active listening skills, grief and bereavement, and more. Prospective volunteers may take the training at no cost and with no commitment to volunteering. This gives everyone the chance to gain experience and knowledge in end-of-life care.

What do Hospice Volunteers do?

- ◆ Patient care support such as companionship, personal care, active listening
- ◆ Bereavement and after care support
- ◆ Spiritual support
- ◆ Family care support such as errands, handyperson repairs, yard work, house-keeping, transportation, pet care, plant care
- ◆ Complementary therapies such as massage, music, healing touch, aromatherapy
- ◆ Respite support for caregivers
- ◆ Office and clerical support
- ◆ Special events and projects
- ◆ Final hours support