

Volunteer Opportunities



Direct Patient / Family Centered Programs

Patient Visitor Volunteer:

- Provides a visit to the patient in his or her home, a nursing facility, assisted living residence, or hospice house. This can provide social and emotional support for the patient as the volunteer may play a game of cards, watch a television show together or simply hold a patient's hand so that they know they are not alone.
- Provide respite for the caregiver to have opportunities for time away from the care of the patient. This may be time to shop, tend to personal care or just have time away to rest.

Patient Comfort Calls:

- Volunteers provide patients with a weekly check-in call to check on the patient's needs, such as medication, equipment, or supplies, for the upcoming weekend. This information is then provided to the patient's nurse and care team for response.
- The volunteer also relays any immediate needs or pain concerns to the clinical team.

Veterans Visiting Veterans:

- Provides the honor of visiting veteran patients and presenting them with a pin, flag plaque and certificate specific to their branch of service. It is about thanking our veterans for their service to our country.

Treasured Pet Volunteer:

- This program enables hospice patients to keep their pets (birds, cats and dogs) at home with them throughout their end of life journey. Volunteers' responsibilities vary by situation but will typically include in-home pet care assistance, transporting pets to groomers and vets, pet food delivery, active play and dog walking.

HosPet Volunteer:

- Volunteers will visit patients in assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities and Hospice Houses. Nearly all patients delight in a tail-wagging visit from a lovable four-legged friendly face. All dogs have the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Certification.

Spiritual Care Volunteer:

- Volunteers visit with patients who have requested a visit from a spiritual care volunteer and may discuss spiritual concerns in a non-denominational context.

11th Hour Volunteer:

- Volunteers will be on call to sit with and bring comfort to a patient in his or her final 24 to 48 hours or during a period of agitation. This might mean holding their hand or just being a presence in the room; each situation is different. This service is provided so that no patient dies alone.

Non-Patient Contact Opportunities

The following positions do not require a TB test and have an abbreviated orientation requirement.

Memory Bear Stitchers and Blanket/Quilt Makers*:

- Volunteers make stuffed bears or pillows for caregivers and families from the clothing of a loved one who has died.
- Volunteers crochet or quilt lap blankets for our patients. These are beautiful handmade keepsakes cherished by our patients and their caregivers. They come in a variety of styles and colors as well as red, white, and blue blankets made especially for our veteran patients and used in our pinning ceremonies.

Thrift Store Volunteer:

- Work the sales desk at either our St. Lucie or Stuart Thrift Store location, ringing up and assisting customers as well as helping price and display inventory.

Event Support*:

- Assist our Marketing, Foundation, HR, Volunteer Services and Professional Relations departments at community events to help set-up and staff Treasure Coast Hospice information booths and assist at fundraising events as needed.

Administrative Volunteer:

- Provide support to a variety of departments, as needed, for special projects and administrative needs.

**Background check not needed for these positions.*

Ready to get started?

Application Process (all volunteers)

- Apply online at <http://treasurehealth.org/volunteer>
- Make an appointment with HR to come in for your fingerprinting, photo for ID badge, and paperwork for background check (all except stitchers and event volunteers).
- At that time you will be scheduled for the next in-person orientation session (if you cannot attend in-person an online version is available).

Additional Requirements for Patient Visitors

- TB test or chest x-ray
- Additional online training geared toward patient visitors (approximately 3-4 hours)
- Following orientation, you will meet with your Volunteer Coordinator for a Placement Interview and be assigned to a Shadowing Assignment with a mentor volunteer before receiving your first solo assignment.
- There is an annual supervised visit and annual ongoing training requirement.

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