

Volunteer Opportunities

Check all areas of interest:

- personal care (including feeding or laundry and other hands-on tasks)
- patient care (including friendly visits, caregiver relief, companionship, reading, etc.)
- errands, transportation, deliveries
- Comforting Choices Program:
 - artistic expression
 - music for comfort
 - remembrance and life review (scrapbooking, memory boxes, family trees, journaling, video/audio taping)
 - massage therapy/skilled application of lotion
 - pet-a-pet therapy
- office/administrative support
- office/computer work
- special events/fund raising
- marketing (outreach activities or speaking to others about hospice)
- mailings
- bereavement (phone calls, visits, support groups)
- spiritual care giving
- licensed hair stylist
- lawn/gardening work
- maintenance work on buildings
- baking for patients
- volunteering at the Hospice House
- seamstress
- photographer
- language translator
- attorney who could assist with legal work

Hospice of Holland provides the most compassionate and highest quality end-of-life care through physical, emotional and spiritual support.

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Adding More Life to Every Day

To learn more about reaching out through volunteering at Hospice of Holland, please call our Volunteer Coordinators at 616.396.2972.

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Reaching Out



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About Hospice of Holland

Hospice of Holland is not a place, but rather, a special way of caring for patients and families facing an advanced illness. This can be accomplished in a patient's home, in an area care facility or in our Hospice House. No matter where the patient resides, we don't ever want to accept the idea that we could lose a loved one. But Hospice isn't about letting go, or walking away. It's about living, and loving. And making every day count.

A patient is eligible for Hospice of Holland once it has been determined that there are no longer curative options for the disease or when the risks of treatment outweigh the gains, and a doctor has estimated the patient's life expectancy to be months rather than years. Although nothing can be done to cure the disease, a lot can be done to keep the patient comfortable and enhance quality of life. Our Hospice volunteers are an integral part of our team that enhance the lives of our terminally ill patients and families.



Reaching Out... What can I do?

Volunteering at Hospice means reaching out to fellow members of the community. There is a spot at Hospice for anyone willing to donate time or service to ensure that the final journey of a terminally ill patient is valued and traveled with dignity. Volunteers are given a thorough orientation in the Hospice program. Training is offered every fall. The Hospice Orientation Program (HOP) provides training for life- as well as for hospice care. There are many ways to reach out as a volunteer with Hospice. People are needed in the Hospice office to answer phones and perform other clerical duties, help coordinate mailing projects, assist with computer projects, help with fundraising and marketing events as well as many other vital services. Volunteers are also needed to work directly with the patient and family: this is one of the most intimate ways a volunteer can become involved with Hospice.



Why reach out?

Volunteering, of course, means just that, working without pay. But there is compensation: the satisfaction of knowing your efforts contribute not just to an organization dedicated to helping, but also to individuals in your own community who need your help. Even small contributions of time and services can add up to a significant experience for the volunteer.

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Once you have decided to reach out and volunteer for Hospice of Holland, trained professionals will prepare you for this life-impacting experience.

As one Hospice volunteer commented,
"To be with people at this stage in life is an incredible time. To be welcomed into a family circle- it's an honor and a privilege."

Take a moment to fill out this form and return it today!

Name

Date

Address

City, State and Zip

Home phone

Work phone

Best time of day to reach you

Email address

Current licenses (hair stylist, RN, LPN, Massage Therapist, etc.)

mail to Hospice of Holland
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Attn: Volunteer Coordinators

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