How can I help?

Volunteer Opportunities



The mission of Hospice of Cincinnati is to create the best possible and most meaningful end-of-life experience for all who need care and support in our community. As a team, we are committed to providing compassionate physical, emotional and spiritual care in an atmosphere of sensitivity and respect.

Volunteers are a vital and valued part of the hospice team. They assist with essential patient care and support in a variety of settings, whether it be in one of our inpatient centers, through our home care program or in a long term care facility. Volunteers also provide administrative, clerical and facility support and assist with fund raising and community events.

Each volunteer brings valuable skills and unique talents to our patients and to our organization. Even more importantly, our volunteers have compassion and a heart to serve.

At Hospice of Cincinnati and our affiliate Hospice of Hamilton, we make it easy for our volunteers to use their special skills and talents by ensuring that they are both prepared and informed. To that end, each volunteer is asked to complete a brief, yet comprehensive training. Once that training is complete, we only ask that our volunteers make a commitment no matter how large or small — to serve our patients and families and support the mission. Hospice of Cincinnati and Hospice of Hamilton offer a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Here are some of the ways you can help:

Patient Care

Care may be provided in a variety of settings:

- *Home Care* Volunteers help families with the care of their loved ones by providing companionship, running errands and giving caregivers respite.
- *Long Term Care* Volunteers provide companionship and emotional support to patients in long term care and nursing facilities throughout our area.
- *InPatient Care* Volunteers assist with patient care, serve meals, support patients and families, and provide a warm and welcoming environment to all guests and visitors.

Escort-Greeter

Greet families and visitors to the unit, escort to patient rooms, give unit tours, make coffee and keep family café tidy. (Blue Ash, Hamilton and West inpatient care centers only)

Friendly Visitor / Bedside Support

Volunteers support the family and the patient simply by being present and available to assist with questions, special requests and other support as necessary.

Vigil Volunteers

Volunteers assist the patient and family when the patient is apprehensive, lonely, actively dying or just in need of the presence of a caring volunteer in inpatient and long term care facilities.

"When people make the time to channel their caring into a volunteer activity, they usually discover that they feel good because they are contributing."

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Holistic Care

Under the guidance of our holistic staff, volunteer therapists and practitioners provide art, music, massage, reiki, healing touch and pet therapy.



Bereavement

Under the guidance of the Bereavement Coordinator, volunteers offer telephone support and encouragement to patients' families during the year following the death of their loved one.

Community Outreach

Working in partnership with the Marketing Department, volunteers help to provide information, heighten awareness of hospice care and represent Hospice of Cincinnati and Hospice of Hamilton at community events.

Teen Volunteers

Younger volunteers typically assist with special projects and miscellaneous assignments at our inpatient care centers.

Clerical Work, Fund-Raising And Special Assignments

Volunteers provide clerical support to various departments at Hospice of Cincinnati and Hospice of Hamilton. They also provide support for fund-raising events and special assignments.

Multi-Purpose (Flex) Volunteering

These volunteers enjoy the variety associated with using their talents in more than one of the areas described above or are willing to contribute their time wherever the need is greatest on a given day.

Why volunteer for Hospice of Cincinnati or Hospice of Hamilton?

Because the experiences will enrich your life in such a way that it will never be the same.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." — Mahatma Gandhi

Have We Left Something Out... ???

Maybe you have a talent, a skill, a special gift, a unique idea or a heartfelt desire not mentioned here that could benefit our patients, their families, other volunteers and staff of Hospice of Cincinnati and Hospice of Hamilton. Please share your thoughts. We would love to talk about other creative ways to assist and support our patients and families!

For more information about volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at HospiceofCincinnati.org or call the Volunteer Service Department.

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Inpatient Care Centers

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