

VOLUNTEERING

Why become a Circle of Life Community Hospice Volunteer?

Volunteers provide an important service for patients, family and friends. They are part of the interdisciplinary team. Each patient is cared for by doctors, nurses, social workers, spiritual care, certified nursing assistance and volunteers.

Maybe you have considered becoming a volunteer based on your own hospice experience or feel this is part of your own journey of giving. You can gain great personal satisfaction from knowing you make a difference and can impact another person's life. Part of caring for the hospice patients, caregivers and those they love can be a life changing experience by offering support to them.

A hospice volunteer is no ordinary volunteer; rather they are exceptional individuals willing to share in an amazing part of living. At the end-of-life people do continue to grow in a variety of ways albeit intellectually, spiritually, emotionally or socially. It is a privilege and incredible opportunity to be invited to share in this precious time.

The philosophy of hospice is to provide the patient the right to die with dignity and pain freeity and live comfortably with an incurable disease. In addition, allow our loved ones to receive the highest quality of care and necessary support. Hospice affirms life and neither hastens nor postpones death.

Volunteer Services can provide support in a variety of ways.

Patient Companionship or Socialization

Caregiver Companionship or Socialization

Caregiver Respite

Shopping or Errands

Light Meal Preparation

Telephone Reassurance and Support

Bereavement Visit or Call

Office Assistance

Specialized Alternative Therapies: Aromatherapy, Pet Therapy, Massage Therapy

Represent Circle of Life Community Hospice at Outreach and Community Events

How do you get started? Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 775-824-3865.

Prospective volunteers go through a comprehensive application process and training program.

A COMPANION

“But oh! The blessing it is to have a companion to whom one can speak fearless on any subject: with whom one’s deepest as well as one’s most foolish thoughts come out simply and safely. Oh, the comfort-the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person having neither to weigh thought nor measure words but pouring them all right out, just as they are, chaff and grain together; certain that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping and then with breath of kindness blow the rest away.”

“A Life for a Life” by Dina Maria Mulock Craik, 1866

Each volunteer brings a unique style, set of skills and experience which enhance and impact the hospice care. Join us for the journey!