

Why volunteer at St. John Hospice?

St. John Hospice volunteers are a critical component of the hospice program. They are the “heart of hospice.” Volunteering at St. John Hospice is a way to enrich your own life while enriching someone else’s life in your community.

“I volunteer to brighten someone’s day if it is just holding a hand or listening. I treasure every moment I sit with a patient. They are all very special to me and I have a place in my heart for everyone I come in contact with.”

— Linda Heath,
VOLUNTEER

“I’ve gained so much by volunteering. I am very grateful for the wonderful opportunity at St. John Hospice.”

— Nahmoo Park,
VOLUNTEER

Who can be a St. John Hospice Volunteer?

- Persons who are 16 years of age or older
- Students—College and High School
- Homemakers
- Retirees
- Working Professionals
- Those who are looking to brighten someone else’s life
- St. John Hospice recommends that prospective volunteers who have experienced the death of a close loved one wait a year before they start volunteering.

Available 24 hours/7days a week

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Volunteer Program

What are St. John Hospice's Volunteer Opportunities?



- Companionship/Respite Volunteer
- Administrative Support Volunteer
- Fundraising/Community Outreach Volunteer
- Bereavement Support Volunteer

Companionship/Respite Volunteer

Provides emotional, practical and spiritual support to adult Hospice patients and/or pediatric palliative care patients, their caregivers and family. May provide companionship to patients with life limiting illnesses, and/or their caregiver. May provide relief visits so that the caregiver is able to leave for a short period of time. May visit patients in home, hospital, or extended care settings. May run errands for the family and/or assist with light housekeeping and cooking. May hold a patient's hand, read to the patient, play cards or assist patients with writing letters.

Administrative Support Volunteer

Provides office support to all Hospice departments either at the Southfield or Clinton Township locations. May assist with filing, copying, data entry, answering telephones, record maintenance, mailings, start of care packets and other general office duties.

Fundraising/Community Outreach Volunteer

Assists in the planning and of various Hospice fundraising activities. Provides assistance with the promotion of community awareness for the St. John Hospice Program, by attending local health fairs and informational events in the community.

Bereavement Support Volunteer

Offers follow-up information, companionship and grief support to the bereaved families under the guidance of both the Bereavement Coordinator and the Volunteer Coordinator.

What is Hospice?

- Hospice care is designed to address the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of patients with life limiting illnesses, their caregivers and their families.
- St. John Hospice provides a compassionate approach to palliative care, which is a choice for patients when curative measures may no longer be an option. Hospice care addresses all symptoms with a special emphasis on controlling the patient's pain and discomfort.



What are the Benefits of Volunteering for St. John Hospice?

- Become part of team that is truly making a difference, and improving the quality of life within the community
- Create meaning in your life
- Personal growth—gain satisfaction and self fulfillment
- Meet new people and create lifelong relationships
- Assist patients of all ages, their caregivers and families during a difficult time in their lives