



SSM Health at Home[®]

Hospice Volunteer Opportunities

Patient and Family Support

Hospice volunteers provide a valuable service to the hospice program by providing in home visits to patients and offering support to family members and caregivers. They may provide short respite care, companionship, run errands, perform light housework and provide meal preparation.

Caring Presence

Caring Presence volunteers provide a reassuring presence of companionship to patients who otherwise would be alone in the final hours of their life. In doing so, the volunteers help provide the gift of a dignified death in an atmosphere of peace.

Life Review

Volunteers assist patients and family members in recording memories and life stories in a journal. These are gifts for patients and families to cherish.

Bereavement Support

Volunteers work closely with bereavement staff to provide support for individuals dealing with grief and loss. Support is provided for families that have been served by Home Health United – Hospice, as well as other community members. Volunteers help prepare and send bereavement mailings, cards, standard letters and memorial items. These volunteers also provide assistance with memorial events and support groups. Additional training is provided.

Camp Glow

Camp GLOW – Giving Loved Ones Wings, is a day camp for children dealing with the death of a loved one. HHU – Hospice staff and volunteers receive additional training and work with the children through a series of activities designed to help with grief and mourning.

Clerical / Administrative Support

Volunteers provide administrative support to staff at branch offices. Activities Include; filing, copying materials, assembling mailings and materials, and assisting with other small task and projects. On the job training is provided.

Fundraising and Special Events

Volunteers are invited to join the Home Health United – VNS Foundation in the planning of and volunteering at events raising funds and increasing community awareness of Home Health United programs and services. The fundraising efforts provided by volunteers make it possible for HHU - Hospice to care for patients regardless of their ability to pay, and to fund special programs that are unfunded such as Camp Glow and community grief support groups.

We Honor Veterans Volunteers

Home Health United is proud to be a We Honor Veterans partner. Veterans and active duty personnel are invited to volunteer as a part of this program. Volunteers visit patients who are Veterans and spend time listening and sharing stories.

St. Clare Hospice House

Hospice volunteers may choose to support the patients and staff at the St. Clare Hospice House, by assisting with tasks, such as; greeting visitors, running errands, light housework, assist with meal preparation and offer companionship to the patients and families at the house.