

VOLUNTEERS

A Work of Heart

Comforting others with warmth and care...

Cheering them up by lending an ear...

Easing the hours if confined by four walls...

Greeting other visitors, answering calls...

Bringing fun into other's days...

Touching lives in so many ways...

Always there to do their part...

Because volunteering is a work of heart...

Example of what a Hospice Volunteer can do:

"I helped a patient prepare a life tape for his family. The stories shared allowed me to realize the importance of what we at Hospice do."

~ St. Anthony Regional Hospice

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Your HOSPICE Volunteer

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Hospice is a concept of comfort and care for the person who has a limited life expectancy. It is based on the multidisciplinary team approach of caring for the total physical, spiritual and psychosocial needs of the patient and family. Expertise in these areas are provided by the following team members:

- Medical Advisor
- Personal Physician
- Hospice Care Coordinator
- Hospice Volunteer Coordinator
- Chaplain
- Social Workers
- Nurses
- Trained Volunteers
- Home Care Aides
- Dieticians

All team members advocate the hospice mission which is to provide comfort, support and compassionate care for persons in the final stages of an incurable illness so they may live as fully and comfortably as possible until death comes peacefully and naturally.

THE HOSPICE PATIENT CARE VOLUNTEER

The Hospice Patient Care Volunteer is a loving and caring person who can provide emotional support, comfort and assistance to the hospice patient and family members. Volunteers are trained in communication and caring skills and have a basic understanding of the patient's disease. They are neither an extra nor a frill; they stand alongside the professionals in hospice care. Nursing and home care skills are not a part of their training; however, they may offer assistance in arranging for these services. Volunteers regard all information shared with them as confidential.

The volunteer will visit with the patient and family at home, in the hospital or in the nursing home to discuss ways in which he/she can be of assistance. Services will be provided which the volunteer, patient and family agree upon.

EXAMPLES OF VOLUNTEER HELP MAY INCLUDE:

- To be a good neighbor and friend: visit and listen; offer companionship.
- To stay with the patient for short periods of time while family members go.
- To read to the patient.
- To provide recreational activities such as music, books and games.
- To support the family with friendship and assigned tasks.

Your Hospice Volunteer(s) is/are:
