

Volunteer Services

Good Shepherd Hospice has a wonderful group of well-trained and kind-hearted volunteers with many talents to share. All volunteers complete an extensive screening and training process, then continue to participate in educational and support programs throughout their time as a volunteer with GSH.

Please talk with your hospice Care team or contact Volunteer Services directly if a volunteer can be of help to you or your family. Here are a few ways that our volunteers provide special support:

Companionship and Support – volunteers visit patients at home or at a nursing facility to ease loneliness through socialization and assistance with enjoyable activities - just like a friend or neighbor coming to visit.

Light Touch and Aromatherapy – how nice for a patient to enjoy the warmth of very light touch hand massage, with nice lotion and accompanied by the beautiful and relaxing scent of lavender, eucalyptus, chamomile or another scent of the patient's choice.

Music/Art at the Bedside – music and creative experiences can elevate mood, encourage expression and interaction. These experiences are highly individualized to provide comfort and pleasure.

Living Legacy Projects – our volunteers love to talk with patients about their life stories – memories, experiences, insights, proud moments – and then transfer that information into written form, or, our audio recording volunteers offer the opportunity to record life history; discussions that become a special gift of voice and story to have forever.

Home Front Help – volunteers may help with cleaning up the garden and small household jobs that have become difficult or worrisome for our home patients and families. Let us know of your need, and we'll do our best to help.

Remembrance Bears/Pillows – loved ones of our patients can request a remembrance bear or pillow to be created by a Sewing Volunteer. For this process, the patients family provides an article of clothing, a blanket or some other special fabric and our sewing volunteers will make a memory bear or pillow for you to cherish as a special memento. - GSH Patients only 1 bear per family unless there is a special circumstance. There are some material restrictions - Call Volunteer Services for more information.

Vet to Vet Volunteer Program – Visit with Veteran patients where they live and share experiences with other vets that understand.

* All volunteers have passed a Background check and completed training.

If you can help and would like more information, please contact:

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