

Mission Statement:

At Amity Care Hospice, each of our employees and volunteers has a "heart for hospice. We want to make a difference. We know what it is like to be ill, to struggle, to lose someone we love, to experience the peace that comes when someone reaches out to offer comfort and support. It is our hope that we can be there for our patients and families to promote peace in the midst of transition, to offer hope, and to provide comfort.

AmityCare Hospice Needs Volunteers:

Hospice volunteers provide companionship to people living with a terminal illness and help their family caregivers in a variety of ways.

AmityCare Hospice also relies on volunteers to help with office work, fundraising, community outreach and other operational areas. By being a hospice volunteer, you can gain great personal satisfaction from knowing that you have made an impact in another person's life.

Hospice Helps People Live:

Considered to be the model for quality, compassionate care for people facing a life-limiting illness or injury, hospice and palliative care involve a team-oriented approach to expert medical care, pain management, and emotional and spiritual support expressly tailored to the patient's needs and wishes. Support is provided to the patient's loved ones as well. The focus of hospice relies on the belief that each of us has the right to die pain-free and with dignity, and that our loved ones will receive the necessary support to allow us to do so. The hospice team provides support to ensure the highest quality of life possible for the person living with a life-limiting illness.



Hospice Volunteers Can Do... Just About Anything!

As an AmityCare hospice volunteer you will be given choices as to how much and what types of things you want to do. Some examples of typical volunteer duties are:

- Being a friendly visitor to a patient
- Being a comforting and supportive presence
- Engaging in the patient's hobbies, for example, playing a board game or discussing current events
- Sharing musical or artistic talents with our patients and families
- Providing time for the caregiver to take care of her/his self

Volunteers are never asked to do something they are not comfortable doing.

Volunteer Training:

All volunteers receive training to ensure they feel comfortable with their tasks. The training program covers the following areas:

- Philosophy of hospice care
- A comprehensive overview of services offered
- Physical, emotional, social and spiritual issues that people can encounter at the end of life
- Individual needs, including emotional support, emergency procedures, universal precautions and procedures to follow after the hospice patient dies
- An overview of chronic and life-limiting illnesses
- Effective communication skills when speaking with the patient and family members
- Information about interpersonal family issues and relationships
- Boundaries for the hospice volunteer and the patient and family
- Basic information about grief and loss

Volunteer as little or as much time according to your availability.

No long term commitment needed.