



GERALDTON DISTRICT HOSPITAL

DEPARTMENT OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF LEISURE & RECREATION VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The purpose of the Department of Leisure & Recreation Volunteer Services is to help move our mission forward in committing to deliver quality, coordinated, patient and family centered care in providing life enrichment programming where the need has been identified.

BECOMING A VOLUNTEER

When you become a Geraldton District Hospital Leisure and Recreation Service Volunteer, you have a chance to:

- Make a difference in someone's life to prevent isolation and depression
- Learn the process of bonding with different age groups
- Help bridge generation gaps

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR OWN LIFE

Volunteering not only benefits others. When you become a Geraldton District Hospital Leisure and Recreation Service Volunteer, you have a chance to:

- Meet people who share common interests and passions
- Network by establishing contacts in your field of interest
- Gain a wealth of knowledge about others life experiences
- Develop new skills and discover new talents

FORMS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The Geraldton District Hospital recognizes individuals are equipped with their own skills, and talents. In turn, there are always tasks in which the unique skills and talents of each volunteer can be put to effective use, whether it is helping support patients and residents directly or assisting the Recreation Aide Worker with administrative duties.

DIRECT CARE VOLUNTEER

Direct Care Volunteers are volunteers who commit to working directly with patients and residents. Roles and Responsibilities of the Direct Care Volunteers are to assist in various Recreation & Leisure activities which have been developed and implemented based on patients' and residents' needs. Volunteers are responsible to independently assist the Recreation Aide Worker with activity preparation and delivery and initiate independent bedside activities to those unable to participate in scheduled activities.



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DEPARTMENT OF HOSPICE VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The purpose of the Department of Hospice Volunteer Services is to help move our mission forward in committing to deliver quality, coordinated, patient and family centered care in providing palliative care volunteer visiting services where the need for hospice volunteers has been identified.

BECOMING A VOLUNTEER

When you become a hospice volunteer, you have a chance to:

- Provide support and comfort to patients, residents and their families during their time of need
- Be the comforting presence to patients, residents and their families during an end-of-life experience
- Assist patients, residents and their families with grief, loss and bereavement

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR OWN LIFE

Volunteering not only benefits others. When you become a Geraldton District Hospital Hospice Service Volunteer, you have a chance to:

- Gain a greater appreciation for life and understanding of what is truly important
- Gain an understanding and an acceptance of the role of death in the process of life
- Gain an enriched understanding of different cultures and life perspectives
- Gain a sense of fulfillment and contribution to the community

FORMS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES

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DIRECT CARE VOLUNTEER

Direct Care Volunteers are volunteers who commit to working directly with patients, residents, caregivers, and their families. Direct Care Volunteers provide support and comfort to patients and families in many ways. Common areas where direct care volunteers can provide assistance are:

- Provide bedside support to complement the role of the patient or residents family member (s) when the individuals family and/or friends are not available to be present due to personal obligations
- Provide bedside support to relieve the custom care team during peak service times
- Offer non-judgmental and active listening during a client's journey

INDIRECT CARE VOLUNTEER

Indirect Care Volunteers are volunteers who prefer not to work with patients directly, their time and effort can be put to use by assisting with administrative and general office tasks. Common tasks where indirect care volunteers provide assistance are:

- Assisting with clerical duties such as taking on the on-call designate (ONC) role on weekend and statutory holidays
- Assisting and participating in preparations and setup for special events and education sessions
- Assisting and participating in various fundraising events

Whether opting to be directly or indirectly involved with patient, resident and family hospice care, volunteers are able to use their unique talent and skill sets to support the clientele served with a more comfortable end-of-life experience.