Become a Care Initiatives Hospice Volunteer – You Belong Here

"Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give." – Eleanor Roosevelt

If you are searching for a way to make a difference in the lives of others, you belong here. Care Initiatives Hospice volunteers are a valuable part of our team. Based on your interests, you receive specific volunteer training to help improve the quality of life for others.

From providing companionship at a patient's bedside and assisting with administrative duties to creating gifts for patients and their families, we will help you discover the best fit for you.

- Provide emotional support and companionship
- Send a personal card
- Listen, read, or sing
- Offer respite care for caregivers
- Make gifts for patients
- Administrative office support
- Make phone calls

Hospice volunteering requires no advanced medical training or significant time commitment. Care Initiatives supports volunteers and appreciates the important role they play in hospice care. We prepare volunteers with specific training including:

- The hospice care team and the volunteer role
- The hospice philosophy and end-of-life care
- Grief and bereavement education
- Emotional and spiritual support in hospice care
- Communication and stress management
- Patient privacy and other regulations

Hospice began as a volunteer program and volunteers remain essential members of the care team. For more information on becoming a Care Initiatives Hospice volunteer, please contact Marcia Hughes, Volunteer Coordinator, <u>mhughes@careinitiatives.org</u> or 319 – 390-4161.



Volunteer Opportunities in Our Community

Are you interested in providing meaningful support and making a big difference in the lives of patients and families receiving hospice care? We are currently seeking volunteers to join our team.



- Read to patients Sit with a patient to give the caregiver a break
- Listen to a memory or story
 Provide office help
 Run errands

