

Training

Volunteers are integral members of the hospice interdisciplinary team working along with doctors, nurses, social workers, aides, and chaplains. The training program is scheduled to accommodate varying schedules and makes volunteers aware of:

- Their duties and responsibilities
- The person they report to
- The person to contact if they need assistance and instruction
- Hospice history, goals, services and philosophy
- Confidentiality and protection of the patient's and family rights
- Family dynamics, coping mechanisms and psychological issues surrounding terminal illness, death, and bereavement
- Procedures to be followed in an emergency or following the death of the patient
- Guidance related to specific individual responsibilities

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, we ask that you wait one year after the death to volunteer in order to allow appropriate grieving time.

If you would like to join our Volunteer team or would like more information please call
Kathy Rellinger, Volunteer Coordinator at
419-523-4449
or via email at krellinger@pchh.net

**Hospice means being close
in a time of fear.**

**It's a friend with time to
share.**

**It's laughter in the midst of
tears.**

**It's dignity...it's humanity...
it's what we do.**



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HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS



**Volunteers give the greatest gift
of all...themselves**





Putnam County Hospice volunteers

come from all walks of life...they are homemakers, business folks, retirees, employed full-time, part-time or even self-employed. People who want to volunteer do not need special talents, they simply need to have a desire to serve. They make time to give of themselves to help others. Putnam County Hospice is appreciative of whatever amount of time our volunteers are able to offer in service to our agency.

Hospice volunteers provide caring support to ease the loneliness, fear and grief of patients suffering from a terminal illness; helping families cope...that is what a hospice volunteer does.



Volunteer Opportunities

- ◆ *Companionship visitors*
- ◆ *Relief sitters for the caregivers*
- ◆ *Musicians who play spiritual or classical/soothing music*
- ◆ *Office and administrative assistance*
- ◆ *Assistance with special events/projects*
- ◆ *Fundraising*

Following training volunteers may choose their area of involvement.



"I get back three times as much as I ever give to any of my patients. They have taught me by example to live life to the fullest!"

~ Kay, a hospice volunteer



"Thank you for the opportunity to serve hospice. I treasure my time and friendships with the patients I have met and feel blessed to get to know them."

~Marie, a hospice volunteer



"My volunteer is like a ray of sunshine when he walks into my room."

~Earl, a hospice patient

