VOLUNTARY SERVICE
DONATIONS

🌟 All donations are required to go through Voluntary Service.

🌟 Voluntary Services will determine the appropriateness of the gift and whether a gift can be accepted or not.

🌟 Gifts or donations may be cash, services or gifts-in-kind, funds received from these donations directly benefit inpatients or members while receiving care or treatment from VA.

For more information contact Voluntary Service at: 515-699-5818
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**Our Mission**

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**Volunteer Requirements**

Take the challenge and find out more about becoming a VA volunteer.

- Must be 18 years of age or older for Adult Volunteers, and 14 to 17 years of age for Youth Volunteers
- Complete a Volunteer Application, including fingerprinting and a background check
- Complete a health screening
- Commit to 50 hours of service and 6 months

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- **Coffee/cookie cart** Serves coffee to patients waiting for scheduled clinic appointments.
- **Escort service** Assists with the internal transportation of patients to various testing and therapy areas.
- **Greeter program** Welcomes patients and visitors and provides directional assistance.
- **Hospice assistant** Provides friendly support, companionship and a listening ear for hospice patients.
- **Patient driver** Drives patients to and from their scheduled clinic appointments.
- **Office assistant** Answers phones, processes mailings, builds information packets and disseminates information.
- **Patient visitor** Visits patients and distributes gifts during special occasions and holidays.
- **Book/magazine cart** Distribute books and magazines to resident patients and patients waiting for appointments.
- **Information desk** Greet patients and visitors, provide directions, disseminates information.

**Why Should I Serve as a VA Volunteer?**

- Serve those who served – our Nation’s Veterans
- Explore career fields in a health care environment
- Obtain new job skills and hands-on experience
- Earn community service hours towards school requirements
- Make a difference by giving back to others

**How Do I Get Started?**

We are excited to see you become a part of our volunteer family!

*To get started,* simply stop by or contact our Voluntary Service Office to start the application process.

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“We want your volunteer experience to be rewarding and meaningful. Our goal is to assist you in finding an assignment that most closely fits your special talents, while benefiting the needs of our Veteran patients.”