



Hospice volunteers provide important services to people living with a life limiting illness and help family members and caregivers in a variety of ways - from providing patient care, office work to assisting with community outreach.

*Volunteers are essential
to the important work
provided by
Nightingale Hospice.*

A Volunteer's Role in the Hospice Care Team

Volunteers play a vital role within a hospice care team, working closely with the Nursing Staff, Social Workers, Chaplains and patients.

- Patients, caregivers and family members are often more open when speaking with volunteers. Volunteers serving patients in this capacity provide invaluable insight - helping to provide better, quality care.
- Volunteers assisting in non-patient care areas, such as baking, crafting or office support, are equally important parts of a hospice care team. It is the little things that volunteers are able to do that make the biggest impact.

About Nightingale

At Nightingale, we don't believe patients and family members should have to make multiple phone calls to find out what services are available. Nightingale offers a truly different healthcare experience, offering most all healthcare services a patient may need in one convenient location – your home.

Nightingale is rated among the top 500 healthcare providers in the nation. We stand firm behind our commitment that “All Patients Come First.”

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EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF VOLUNTEERING





What is Hospice?

Hospice is a lot of things, but hospice *isn't* all about dying, a place to go to die or always depressing.

Hospice *is* about the journey, a place of sharing, an opportunity to help those in need and a safe environment for patients and families – not to mention the industry leading, specialized care received by patients.

Hospice is a special way of caring for patients, caregivers and family members that is available to people living with a terminal illness. However, that does not mean that patients must be in the last few days of life to qualify for hospice care.

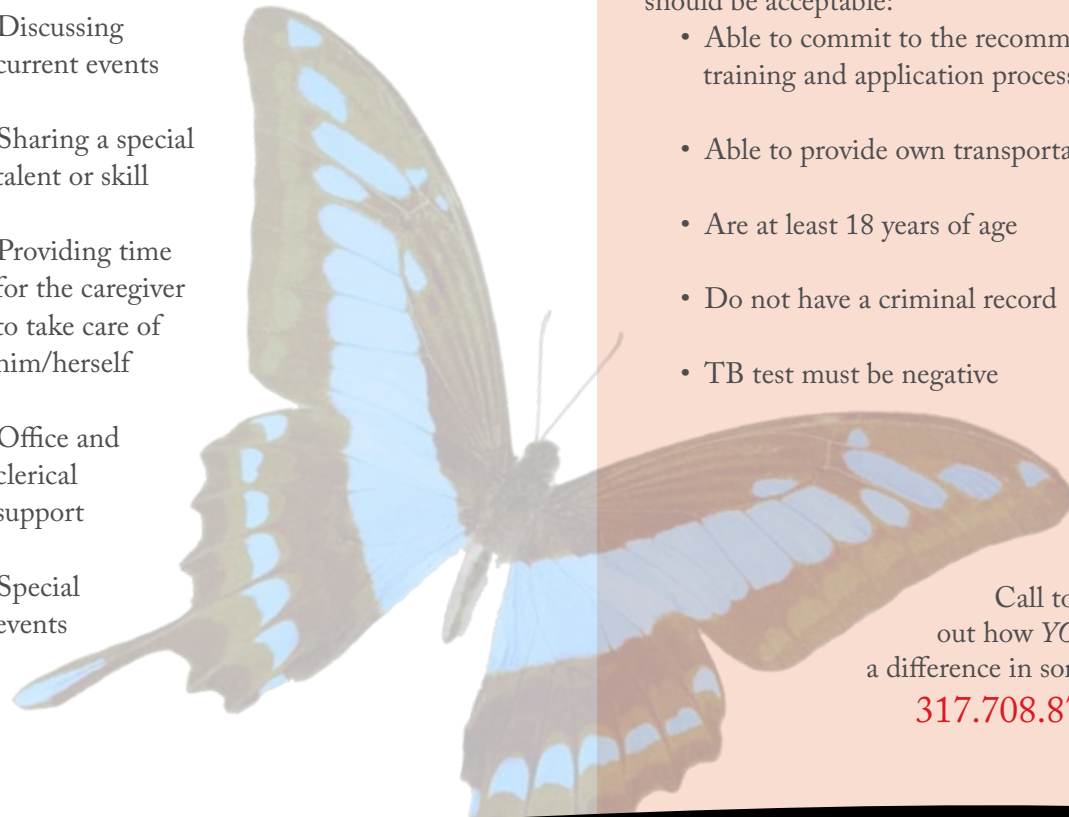
Medicare has established industry guidelines to help doctors and hospice staff determine if a patient qualifies for hospice.

What Will I Be Doing As A Volunteer?

As a volunteer, you will be utilizing your talents to benefit others – from listening to a patient's concerns, providing patient care and education to special events. You will be given a choice of what type of assignments best fit your interests and talents.

Some common volunteer duties may include:

- Listening to a patient's concerns
- Being a comforting and supportive presence
- Engaging in the patient's hobbies to playing a board game
- Discussing current events
- Sharing a special talent or skill
- Providing time for the caregiver to take care of him/herself
- Office and clerical support
- Special events



How Do I Become A Volunteer?

Hospice volunteers receive training and on-going education to assist with the specialized support they offer to patients, family members and caregivers.

General hospice education covers:

- Philosophy of hospice care and services offered
- Physical, emotional, social and spiritual issues encountered
- Effective communication, comfort care and the dying process
- Information about grief and loss

In order to become a volunteer, the following should be acceptable:

- Able to commit to the recommended training and application process
- Able to provide own transportation
- Are at least 18 years of age
- Do not have a criminal record
- TB test must be negative

Call today to find out how *YOU* can make a difference in someone's life.

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