Providence Hospice Volunteers

Coordinating care for a better patient experience

To make a donation to Providence Hospice in the Portland metro area, please call 503-215-CARE (2273).

To support Providence Hospice of the Gorge, please call the Providence Hood River Memorial Hospital Foundation at 541-387-6950.

People express some of their reasons for volunteering with hospice:

“It helps me to better appreciate that each day is a gift.”

“For me, it is a way of giving back.”

“Volunteering for hospice enormously nourishes my soul.”

“What a joy it has been being a part of this hospice team.”

“Fabulous program! I’ve never felt so supported and of value in a volunteer program.”

OUR MISSION
As expressions of God’s healing love, witnessed through the ministry of Jesus, we are steadfast in serving all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.

OUR VALUES
Compassion, Dignity, Justice, Excellence, Integrity

Providence Hospice Volunteers
Portland metro area: 503-215-4857
Columbia Gorge area: 541-387-1152

Providence.org/hospice

We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in our health programs and activities.

ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 888-311-9127 (TTY: 711).

注意：如果您講中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務，請致電 888-311-9127 (TTY: 711)。
Hospice Volunteers
Making a difference

What is hospice?
Providence Hospice provides expert, compassionate care for individuals as they face the end of life. We understand that each family is special. That’s why we tailor our team approach to the specific needs of each patient and family.

Hospice services are provided in the patient’s home, no matter where that home is. It may be a private residence, an assisted living community, an adult care home, or a residential or intermediate care community.

Providence Hospice
Providence Hospice is part of Providence Health & Services. Providence Hospice addresses the needs of the whole person – including their physical, spiritual, emotional, social and family concerns.

Our team provides hospice services to patients and families within the greater Portland area, including Newberg and Oregon City, and in the Columbia Gorge communities of Hood River and The Dalles.

Patients who live outside these areas will be referred to a member of our home health or hospice provider network that is located closer to their home.

Providence Hospice is Medicare-certified.

Our volunteers
Hospice volunteers are compassionate individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of people who are approaching the end of life. Hospice volunteers should exhibit the following qualities:

- Emotional maturity
- Dependability
- Patience
- Good listening skills
- Adequate resolution of past losses

It is recommended that a person wait at least one year following the death of a loved one before volunteering with hospice.

Volunteer service opportunities
- Respite care and visitation
- Vigil
- Massage therapy
- Bereavement
- Children and teen grief support
- Animal-assisted activities
- Pet care services
- Program support
- Facility specialist

Time commitment
Hospice volunteers are asked to contribute one to four hours a week, depending upon the area of service. Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of one year of volunteer service, if possible.

Volunteer training
Providence Hospice provides training and orientation programs throughout the year to accommodate different schedules.

Topics include:
- Introduction to hospice
- Self awareness
- Diseases patients face
- Effective communication
- Pain and symptom management
- Spiritual caregiving
- Understanding loss
- Family and social dynamics
- Basic patient care

For more information about becoming a hospice volunteer, please contact our volunteer program:

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