

Role Description

Good Samaritan Program Support - Recreation Volunteer

General description

Program support Recreation volunteers assist in their assigned areas as directed by the supervising department staff (Recreation). Specific training for tasks will be provided by the supervising department.

Recreation Volunteers assist with activities such as recreation programming, outings, or special events, and resident friendly visit. This role may include tasks and skills such as:

- Friendly visiting of residents/clients for psychosocial wellbeing
- Recreation program delivery and support
- Creating and maintaining recreation display boards and engagement centers to provide welcome and hospitality to residents/clients
- Special event planning and support
- Providing up-keep and care of facility pets and animals for enhancement of resident wellbeing
- Library services – program coordination with community library services and delivery to residents including one to one engagement
- Hairdresser assistant – one to one support of residents/clients to support access to in facility independent personal care services
- Manicuring and hand care
- Music programs
- Pet visiting – leading programs or one to one visits with a pet under the organizational pet visit policy and restrictions (separate from Pet Therapy)

Program support volunteers work under the indirect supervision of staff for the enhancement of resident comfort. This role involves direct interaction with residents in public and private areas of the care home, as well as access to confidential information about residents contact information or health status.

All volunteers are responsible for conducting themselves according to the Volunteer Code of Conduct. Please connect with your volunteer services staff with any questions, concerns or comments.

Mission, Vision, and Values

Our mission is to extend Christian Hospitality through a continuum of care to those in need or at risk, regardless of race or religious belief.

Our vision is to grow in strength, excellence and creativity in caring for others.

Our values are to be in Healthy Relationships, Hospitable Environments, and Servant Leadership.

Work Safety Commitment

The Good Samaritan Society is committed to achieving and maintaining excellence in health, safety, wellness and the Environment in all of its operations. Maintaining a safe working culture is everyone's responsibility. We must continually identify, assess, report and control possible risks to the health and safety of ourselves, our co-workers, volunteers, contractors, our residents and the public within the communities, which we operate.

Tasks may include:

- Assist with set up and clean up, if necessary
- Porter/accompany residents to and from activity area
- Communicate with residents, staff and visitors
- Participate in planning and implementation of activities (e.g. baking, crafts, discussion groups, exercises, bingo, gardening, special meals, special events, bowling, etc.)
- Initiating and encouraging participation in activities
- Preparing mailing
- Reviewing instruction material
- Supporting, encouraging and valuing residents
- Following direction of staff

Skills required:

- Good communication skills
- Patient, flexible, desire to assist, encouraging and supportive
- Interest in supporting elders and/or persons with a disability
- Reliable team player, ability to follow directions

Benefits:

To Client/Resident:

- Develop relationships
- Enhance socialization and stimulation of physical and cognitive abilities

To Volunteer:

- Develop relationships
- Develop or improve skills in supportive environment
- Increase awareness of elders and/or persons with a disability
- Have fun

To Staff:

- Enhance programming
- Effective stewardship of resources

Resources available:

- Staff support
- Educational opportunities
- Appropriate handouts

Other information/notes:

Each time you come to volunteer, please:

- wear your nametag;
- sign-in/out for your service;
- use good hand hygiene; and,
- do not come for volunteer service when you are not feeling well.

Thanks for being a Good Samaritan!