



Role Description

Good Samaritan Loving Spoonful's Mealtime Companion Volunteer

General description

Loving Spoonful's Mealtime Companion volunteers serve under indirect staff supervision for the enhancement of resident comfort by supporting residents while they eat.

Loving Spoonful's Mealtime Companion volunteers must complete the GS Loving Spoonful's course and receive certification from a Learning and Development educator before providing direct resident support, followed by refresher training, every two years. This certificate volunteer role requires individuals to be 16 years or older, in support of resident dignity.

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 resident to eat
- Porter/accompany residents to and from activity area
- Communicate with residents, staff and visitors
- Support, encourage and value residents
- Follow direction of staff

Skills required:

- 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
- Loving Spoonful's Mealttime companion certificate

Benefits:

To Client/Residents:

- 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 volunteer ID;
- 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!