

# April Volunteer Spotlight

## Student

### Joe Aharoni

**2 Years and 6 Months**

#### Why do you choose to volunteer at St. Luke's?

I choose to volunteer at St. Luke's because I believe in our mission statement. I also love the support that I get from everyone in Volunteer Services and how kind Barb Haeder is.

#### What are the benefits to you of volunteering at St. Luke's?

I can't speak enough about the doors that volunteering at St. Luke's has opened for me. I've met so many amazing people and even gotten involved with Americorps through St. Luke's. The Volunteer Services team really wants to help each and every volunteer in any way they can.

#### How has volunteering changed your opinion of healthcare or St. Luke's?

Volunteering at St. Luke's and being in such close proximity to all the clinicians has opened my eyes to how integrated and multifaceted healthcare should be. Whether it be the Emergency Department or 5C, I love seeing lots of people with different positions working together to provide the best possible care for patients.

#### What are your future plans after graduation?

After graduation, I want to work as an EMT for a year while studying for and taking the MCAT. After that, I'll hopefully be in a position to begin applying to medical school!



#### Volunteer Areas:

Hospital Elder Live Program (HELP) & Iowa Campus AmeriCorps Program (ICAP)

#### Lifetime Hours:

271

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H.E.L.P Assignment Supervisor**

\*Our Volunteer Spotlights are randomly chosen. All you have to do is volunteer in the previous month, and your name could be randomly selected!

“Joe has been a St. Luke’s H.E.L.P. volunteer since September of 2018. In the fall of 2019, Joe became an AmeriCorps member through Coe College, and we are very fortunate to have him focus this service work within the H.E.L.P. program. In this expanded role, Joe provides leadership support for the on-going development and growth of the program. Key areas of this work include updating program documents related to the training and on-going oversight of the H.E.L.P. volunteers. He has also been instrumental in the training and competency validation of the volunteers. Another area of interest is the development of a plan for the recruitment for future volunteers. He has provided a strong foundation for the program and freely gives feedback on opportunities for growth and development. His reliability and dependability regarding his work with the program have been exemplary. “

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