

Check out what these volunteers have been up to!

Sruthi Palaniappan

433 Lifetime Hours

5 years of service as a St. Luke's Volunteer

Where have you volunteered at St. Luke's?

A Avenue Information & Escort

BirthCare Center Gift Shop



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

During visits to my doctor, I have always regarded St. Luke's as being a place that is very comforting and caring. I wanted to be a part of this place where everyone was so welcoming and found joy in small yet important acts of kindness. I plan to pursue a career in medical policy, and volunteering at St. Luke's gives me the exposure of being in a hospital setting and experiencing what it is like to serve people.

What is your most memorable volunteer experience at St. Luke's?

I will always remember the time when I was playing "Part of Your World" from the Little Mermaid on my violin, and a little girl started singing and dancing around. Her grandmother, who was a patient at the hospital, smiled and told me that Disney songs make her happy.

What do you find most rewarding about your volunteer assignment?

I enjoy interacting with patients and visitors, and find it rewarding when I am able to help someone and put a smile on their face! As a volunteer at St. Luke's, I have volunteered in many places such as the Birth Care Center, the Emergency Desk, the A. Avenue Desk, and also as a music volunteer. Each of these roles has allowed me to form new relationships and have meaningful service experiences.

What or who motivates you to volunteer?

I am inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's words, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." Volunteering has always been a major part of my life as I enjoy staying involved in the community and finding ways to serve others. Being able to improve someone's day motivates me to find ways to give back in every activity I participate in and make the world a better place.

Where can we find you when you're not volunteering?

I love to play music and am heavily involved in our school's Symphony Orchestra and Varsity Show Choir. I also enjoy staying involved in organizations such as Future Business Leaders of America, Save the Children, National Honor Society, and Student Council. I am heavily involved in political activities and think it is very important that youth are represented and that issues impacting young people are elevated to promote a brighter future. I am very excited to be a precinct captain in this year's presidential caucuses, and I'm thrilled to be a first-time voter! In my future career, I would like to continue serving the community and pursue my interests in both political science and medicine.