

St. Luke's Volunteers: Where Are They Now?

Meet Dr. Dustin Arnold, Chief Medical Officer at UnityPoint Health St. Luke's Hospital. Dr. Arnold joined St. Luke's in 2006 as the Medical Director for the St. Luke's Hospitalist Program. **But when he was in 8th grade, Dr. Arnold was a St. Luke's volunteer!**

Education and Career Path

Dr. Arnold attended Kennedy High School then Coe College. He originally wanted to be a football coach, but really enjoyed science and helping people, so medicine seemed like a natural fit.

Later, he attended Des Moines University for Medical School and did his residency at Iowa Methodist in Des Moines. He practiced in Grinnell for six years prior to returning to Cedar Rapids in 2005.



In 2011 Dr. Arnold became the Chief Medical Information Officer in preparation for the hospital's transition to the Epic system. He added the Director of Medical Affairs to his duties in 2012 and was named Chief Medical Officer/Chief Medical Information Officer in 2014. He currently holds the title of Chief Medical Officer.

Touching Lives

Dr. Arnold believes that if he can make St. Luke's Hospital a great place for physicians to care for patients and can facilitate a constructive relationship between the hospital and the independent medical staff, he will touch more lives than he could ever imagine.

Impact of Volunteering at St. Luke's

Being a volunteer at St. Luke's in the 8th grade may not have influenced Dr. Arnold to become a physician. But, being a volunteer at St. Luke's impressed upon him the tremendous value a hospital is to a community, and 35 years later that impression remains as strong as ever. He says that each morning when he comes to work, he sees the blue sign with a white H and feels a tremendous sense of pride that he works with a team of highly trained professionals ready to act with clear heads and fast hands when a patient presents in an emergency situation.

Advice to Current UnityPoint St. Luke's Volunteers

"Be mindful that you are member of the team and be ready to act when called upon to help assist with the care of patients."



Dr. Dustin Arnold, early Valentine's morning, 2019, with CEO Michelle Niermann handing out valentines to the staff in one of the parking ramps.

Let Your Volunteers Know How Much They Matter –

Make Them Part of the Team!

Our Volunteers May Be Tomorrow's Workforce

Do you know someone who would like to volunteer? They can fill out a volunteer application at <https://www.unitypoint.org/cedarrapids/volunteers.aspx>. Who knows what impact they could make in the future of healthcare!