

St. Luke's Adult Volunteer Opportunities

Below are brief descriptions of the Volunteer Services currently active. The process of researching and developing new services is always on going. There is also a possibility of a customized volunteer experience based on your unique talents. Call 712-279-3220 or email Mary.Obrien@unitypoint.org

- Baby Cuddlers - These volunteers will hold babies or practice confinement holding to soothe babies in the NICU or Pediatrics. Other tasks will be to help restocking, folding laundry, etc. **Special conditions to be met by applicants include proof of immunizations, Hepatitis B series**, background check and in-depth training in the NICU & Peds.
- Baby Services: Greet new moms and present them with a unique handmade "Magic Hanky" baby bonnet; offer new parents the opportunity to purchase an infant car seat; introduce parents to the baby photography program.
- Blood Pressure Screening: Greet & register applicants for blood pressure screening; volunteer nurses take blood pressure readings. St. Luke's volunteers offer free blood pressure screenings on the first and third Fridays of each month at the Siouxland Senior Center from 10am to noon.
- Caring Clowns: A training class teaches members of this service to be hospital clowns. Participants learn about special techniques for clowning in a health care setting, make-up and costumes.
- Computer Services: Assist with data input for volunteer and St. Luke's Partners (the Auxiliary) records. Word processing and other projects as available.
- Critical Care Host: Provide comfort and assistance for families of patients who are critically ill in St. Luke's Intensive Care or Coronary Care Unit. Always ready with cocoa, coffee, candy, sympathetic ears and hugs where needed.
- Digestive Disorders: (in PC II) Assist at the receptionist desk. Make charts for of patients undergoing gastric procedures and testing.
- Education: assist with various tasks and programs in the Health Education Department, including the Diabetes Center
- Fundraisers: Miracle Pennies Campaign, Santa's House, Jewelry Fairs, etc.
- Gift Shop: Assist with sales, mark prices, merchandise (as requested), and keep the shop tidy
- Health Programs: Assist with Health Screenings and other health programs. Volunteers assist with special health screenings, health seminars and educational fairs. Volunteers greet guests, staff the registration tables, direct traffic, and hand out information and may even play the piano.
- HEARTS Program Volunteers contribute tiny hats, gowns, blankets and booties for the HEARTS program, which provides comfort for families suffering through the loss of a baby.

- Information Desk: Greet visitors coming in the Visitors' entrance. Provide patient room numbers give directions and other information to visitors. Answer patient information phone line and transfer calls.
- Knitting: make knitted (or crocheted) blankets and caps. Special holiday blankets and hats are created for babies born on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Valentine's and the 4th of July.
- Music Volunteers: Volunteers with musical talent play comforting or cheering music for patients right at the bedside or from a general location on the floor.
- Office projects: Perform receptionist or clerical duties in the Volunteer Office; help with mass mailings; prepare packets of educational materials. Mark & pack Santa's House gifts. Adult and Junior Volunteers work together to stuff more than 25,000 plastic Easter eggs with candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Grandview Park.
- On-line Card Shop: Check the computer for any on-line cards that have been sent to patients, print, address & deliver to patient rooms.
- Patient Access Greeter/Escort – Greet and assist patients and their families as they are admitted; assist visitors in the Admitting/Out Patient lobby; escort newly admitted patients to various areas of the hospital
- Patient Experience: Visit patients with options that will help pass the time and provide an increased level of comfort. Encourage patients to share comments about their care & other services. Make calls to hospital departments to help solve patient complaints. Our goal is to increase overall satisfaction with their care by increasing their sense of wellbeing.
- Pet Therapy: Volunteers bring their pooches to visit patients in their rooms. Before being accepted into the program, dogs must be 18 months old and pass the temperament testing. Both dogs and handlers receive hospital-specific training through the K-9 STARS program.
- Sewing Projects: Sew "Magic Hanky" bonnets and blankets. Make quilts for NICU. Special holiday blankets and hats are created for babies born on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Valentine's. Sew simple casings for rice filled neckwarmers for the Patient Experience Volunteers to gift to patients
- Siouxland PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly) is a program that coordinates and provides all health care and supportive services to enable frail individuals to remain living in the community for as long as possible. Part of this program is an Adult Day Center where participants can come for socialization, share a meal with peers, and have their health condition monitored and needs addressed. Volunteers assist PACE participants with recreational activities, provide one-on-one companionship and assist Day Center staff as needed.
- Sunnybrook Greeters – Meet and greet patients arriving for appointments. Check in those utilizing Imaging services. Direct others to Lab, Rehab, Urgent Care, etc. Answer phones and direct calls.