

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.

- Admitting 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 their rooms or other areas of the hospital.
- 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 and noon.
- 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.
- 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.
- Office projects: Perform receptionist or clerical duties in the Volunteer Office or other areas of the hospital; help with mass mailings; prepare packets of educational materials. Adult and Junior Volunteers work together to stuff plastic Easter eggs with candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Grandview Park. 26,000 in 2011!
- 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: Receptionist and host duties in Digestive Disorders Department assisting families of patients undergoing gastric procedures and testing.
- Fundraisers: Miracle Pennies Campaign, Santa's House, etc.
- Gift Shop: Assist with sales in the Glass Apple Gift Shop; make balloon bouquets
- Health Programs: Assist with Glucose, Prostrate, and Cholesterol Screenings and other health programs. Many of our volunteers assist with special health screenings, health seminars and educational fairs. Volunteers greet guests, staff the registration tables, direct traffic, and may even play the piano.

- Imaging Center Host: (in Physician Center II) Greet patients and direct to check-in desk; provide escort to/from other areas of the building; make coffee for visitors; monitor waiting room and progress of patients waiting for procedures; restock brochures; help with mailings & filing.
- 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.
- Lifeline: Install Lifeline equipment in the homes of new subscribers.
- Medical Records: Assist with clerical work in Medical Records Department
- Music Volunteers: Volunteers with a little musical talent play comforting or cheering music for patients right at the bedside.
- 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 Mail: Sort, deliver and forward patient mail. Help patients open and read mail to patients.
- Patient Representative: Encourage patients to share comments about their care & other services. Make calls to hospital departments to help solve patient complaints.
- 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.
- Radiology Host – see “Imaging Center Host”: (only this is in the Central building)
- Sewing Projects: Sew “Magic Hanky” bonnets, tiny gowns and blankets and knit caps. Make quilts for NICU. Special holiday blankets and hats are created for babies born on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Valentine's. Volunteers contribute tiny hats, gowns, blankets and booties for the HEARTS program, which provides comfort for families suffering through the loss of a baby.
- 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.