

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



**HOUSTON HOSPICE**  
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Volunteers help set the tone for the compassionate care our patients and families receive. As an integral part of the Houston Hospice team, volunteers serve our patients and families with caring expertise in our Texas Medical Center inpatient care facility, in patients' homes and in assisted living communities throughout our ten-county service area.

### TYPES OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Patient Care Volunteers**

Volunteers may choose to work directly with patients and families in our inpatient care center or in assisted living communities or private homes. These opportunities include, but are not limited to: sitting with patients, translating, making phone calls, and providing music or pet therapy. Volunteers interested in direct patient and family assistance are required to complete a 25-hour training course.

#### **Non-Patient Care Volunteers**

Volunteers may choose to serve in non-patient assistance efforts. These services include, but are not limited to: office help, assisting at fundraising events and representing Houston Hospice at community education events. Non-patient volunteers may attend abbreviated training.

**Call 713-467-7423 or  
visit [www.houstonhospice.org](http://www.houstonhospice.org)  
to submit a  
Volunteer Application.**

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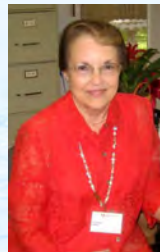


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### VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Patient care volunteers are invited to attend orientation and training sessions that provide 25 hours of engaging instruction. These sessions are offered several times yearly, primarily at our Texas Medical Center site. Training classes are also held in the El Campo area. A shorter course of training is provided for non-patient care volunteers.

Our volunteer training is more extensive than most hospices because we believe our training thoroughly prepares volunteers for the challenges of working with seriously ill patients and their families. Topics include listening skills, grief and loss, the medical aspects of end-of-life, and the psychosocial and spiritual aspects of care. Hospice volunteers encounter situations that require a calm and caring presence, and we believe our training helps develop these skills.



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