



becoming a
VOLUNTEER
at



IOWA CITY
HOSPICE

Use your unique experiences and gifts to connect with Iowa City Hospice patients in ways as meaningful to you as those you serve.

Volunteering for Iowa City Hospice helps support our mission: to provide compassionate care for anyone in our community affected by serious advanced illness and end of life conditions.

We offer numerous and varied volunteer opportunities, from office work and handcrafts to patient care.

Non-Patient Care Opportunities

Use your **office skills** to support our staff by addressing envelopes, writing thank-you cards, and other office work.

Use your **social skills** by helping us with fundraising campaigns and community events.

Use your **creative skills** by baking goodies for support groups and other events, or knitting and crocheting shawls and lap blankets to comfort our patients.





Patient Care Opportunities

Patient and Family Support Volunteers provide companionship and support to terminally ill patients and their loved ones. Many are relatives and friends of former Iowa City Hospice patients. They have seen firsthand how Iowa City Hospice care impacts quality of life, and they want to help others experience its unique benefits.

As a Patient and Family Support Volunteer, you can:

- provide **respite** to caregivers, so they can run errands, attend events, or just relax;
- offer **companionship** by reading a story, talking about common interests, or just listening;
- be at the bedside when someone is **actively dying**;
- **document** a patient's stories, images, and wisdom in narratives, photos, or memory books; or
- present a certificate of appreciation to **veterans** for their military service.

Bereavement Volunteers help our bereavement counselors offer ongoing support and education to those dealing with loss and grief. They may assist with follow-up calls to loved ones, mailings that offer information on grief and loss, and bereavement services designed specifically for children.



Ready to start volunteering?

You'll need to fill out the application located on the volunteer page of www.iowacityhospice.org. You must also be at least 18 years old and pass a criminal background check.

Volunteers who work with patients and families will also need to complete a 14-hour training course and complete tuberculosis testing.

Have more questions?

We'd love to hear from you! Send an email to volunteer@iowacityhospice.org, or call either number below and ask for the volunteer coordinator.



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