



SERVING THOSE THAT SERVED

Volunteering at a VA Facility

The VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) program is one of the largest volunteer programs in the Federal government. The mission is to enhance the Veterans health care experience through utilization of volunteers and donations.

CDCE offers volunteer assignments that fulfil the volunteer's desire to make a difference in a Veteran's life. Volunteer opportunities can be tailored to meet the volunteer needs of an individual, student, family, large group or corporation.

Contact Your Local CDCE

If you are interested in volunteering, or would like more information about volunteering, contact the CDCE Office at a VA facility near you by scanning the QR code below.



<https://www.volunteer.va.gov/>

Donate at a VA Facility



https://www.cdceportal.va.gov/donate_at_facility/

Benefits of Volunteering

Volunteering at a VA facility can bring many benefits, such as improving one's health, social life, civic engagement, and career and education opportunities.

1. Volunteering has been shown to have positive effects on mental and physical health. It can give individuals a sense of purpose and fulfillment, which can lead to reduced stress and improved mental well-being.
2. Volunteering can provide opportunities for individuals to connect with other Veterans and members of the community. This can lead to increased social support and a sense of belonging, which can be important for overall well-being.
3. Volunteering can provide individuals with opportunities to engage in civic activities and give back to their community. This can help to strengthen the community and promote positive social change.
4. Volunteering can also provide individuals with valuable career and education opportunities. It can provide individuals with skills and experience that can be useful in future job opportunities, as well as networking opportunities with other professionals in the field.

Overall, volunteering can be a rewarding experience that allows individuals to give back to their community and support the well-being of Veterans.



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Requirements for Becoming a Volunteer

We welcome individuals of all backgrounds and abilities. Because of the nature of care being delivered at our VA hospitals, all volunteers are carefully screened and individually matched to their assignments.

The potential volunteer may be required to complete the following:

- Interview
- Volunteer Application
- Background Investigation
- General Orientation
- Job Specific Competencies

This process is not only meant to ensure the safety and well being of our Veterans and their families but provide a successful volunteer experience.

Volunteer Assignments: The VA has many volunteer opportunities for you, your family, friends, and co-workers. Assignments may vary from facility to facility but your involvement can make a real difference in the life of a Veteran. Below are a few main assignments. Other assignments include Office Support Assistant, Lab Assistant, Meal Time Companion and many more...

Information Desk

Greet patients and visitors, provide direction and information to guests entering the hospital.

Guest Services Ambassador

Deliver personal hygiene items, magazines, and stationary related items to all inpatients.

Volunteer Driver

Provide transportation for patients to and from the medical facility from the parking lots.

Adaptive Sports

Volunteers with experience in various indoor/outdoor sports teach Veterans.

Patient Escort

Assist Veterans to and from appointments via wheelchair or gurney.

Hospice Companion

Provide comfort and support to terminally ill Veterans and their families.

Patient Feeding

Assist staff in feeding Veterans who are not physically capable of feeding themselves.

Summer Youth Volunteer Program

For those age 14 - 17 years old; offers various service opportunities; educational and fun.

