

# HMH Volunteers

## *Make a Difference!*



Huntsville Memorial Hospital volunteers have provided volunteer services, hospital information, and emotional support in a caring, professional manner to patients, family, staff, the community, and fellow volunteers since 1956.

The Auxiliary members give of their time, energy, and talents in a variety of ways. Here are just some of those ways and areas we provide support:

**Staffing the Volunteer Desk** - to provide information and assistance to any and all who come by.



**Volunteers** working at the Information Desk help staff on Monday through Fridays from 8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. They escort patients as needed especially upon discharge, provide hospital and patient room information to visitors, compile packets, prepare mailings, and help with such things as witnessing documents for patients. In addition, the Auxiliary keeps a list of Lay Chaplains, that are also volunteers who are available to go pray with those requesting it.

Our Volunteers usually work in pairs in 2 half day shifts: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm daily.



**Working in the Gift Shop** is another way volunteers give back to their community



The proceeds from their sales go to providing support for various special needs at HMH such as furniture for the waiting rooms, wheel chairs, and ultrasound machines. The shop is open daily from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm with—ideally—two volunteers in each of the four hour shifts. The Gift Shop has collectibles, cards, jewelry, candy, baby clothing and a wide variety of other items —“treasures waiting for homes



**Working in the Outpatient Surgery Area** helps provide information to patients and family.



**Outpatient Surgery Volunteers** help patients, families, and staff with a welcoming face and ongoing updates from the time patients checked in, through their preparation for surgery, and until they're ready to go home or moved to a room in the hospital.

Volunteers usually work 1 shift a week from 6:30 am until the end of surgery (around 1:00 pm). The time usually goes fast because of the constantly changing needs as people go through the various steps of surgery.

**Working in the Emergency Room** assisting patients, family and staff.

**Emergency Room Volunteers** assist our staff, patients, and families with information flow and hospitality measures, stocking supplies, and other duties as requested by the staff—even sometimes cleaning beds in preparation for a new patient. The nurses and doctors in the Emergency Room have great praise for the much-needed extra help especially during busy hours.



This is usually another busy area where a volunteer provides valuable help with non-medical tasks.

**Raising Funds for the Hospital and Scholarships**



Raising Funds for the Hospital and Scholarships. Recently, the Auxiliary bought new transport chairs (\$35,000) for use throughout the departments of the hospital as well as for the volunteers to take patients to their cars or at various places within the hospital.



Special fundraising events including selling pecans, baked goods and holiday wreaths along with uniforms, bedding, and books help us support the hospital with items they request.



At this time, the Auxiliary supports five students with \$500 a semester for college expenses as they prepare for their careers in the medical field.

**Our Blood Drives** helps so many in our community.



***Spearheading Blood Drives*** for the Hospital and the community. Each drive has a goal of at least 60 units of blood. They take place about once a month with community churches helping and also about once a month at HMH. Help is always needed to welcome people and spread the word.



***We are a fun group of people who give back to our community through the Hospital***



Applications are available online at [huntsvillememorial.com](http://huntsvillememorial.com) or at the Volunteer Desk in HMH

**PLEASE JOIN US!**