

Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer for Community Health Professionals. As a nonprofit agency, volunteers play a very important role in our meeting the needs of our patients and their families.

We have several volunteer opportunities available from working directly with patients to helping in our office and participating in fundraising events. The following information is designed to outline the various volunteer activities that we offer so that you may choose an area which best suits your needs and abilities.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to working with you in meeting the needs of others in our community.



HOSPICE:

Volunteers complete at least 15 hours of orientation and training to become a certified hospice volunteer. Trained hospice volunteers go into the home and provide support to both the patient and the family. A volunteer is a friend they can count on for small, but important tasks. A volunteer may read with a patient, take them on a walk, write a letter, play a game or just be a listening ear. The volunteer may form close relationships with patients and family members and is a valued source of support.

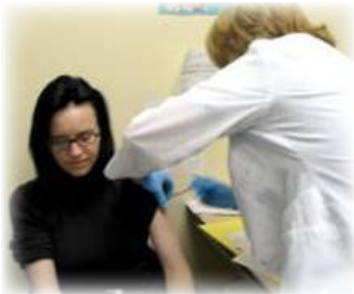
INPATIENT HOSPICE:

Volunteers at CHP's inpatient hospice centers may provide support for patients and families similar to the in-home setting. Volunteers are the first friendly face that visitors encounter as they enter the front doors. They greet visitors and help to direct them; they answer phones, work on clerical projects like filing, folding and mailings.



FLU SHOT CLINICS:

Each fall, CHP offers flu shots to the public. Volunteers assist at clinic sites, ensuring that clients fill out forms properly. They help assist the nurse with overall coordination of the clinic site; making sure clients are served in a timely and efficient manner. Volunteers may also assist at the office with some of the followup that is required for billing and record keeping.





ADULT DAY CARE:

CHP's Adult Day Care Centers provide care and supervision for elderly and disabled adults. Clients come to the center for all or part of the day and participate in many activities.

Clients, staff and volunteers at the Adult Day Care Center are a close-knit group. They spend several hours together each day and become like a family. Volunteers help serve meals and snacks, read to clients, play games and help with crafts and activities.

RAYS OF HOPE CAMP:

Rays of Hope Camp is a fun, interactive experience for children ages 6-17 who are dealing with grief following the loss of a parent, grandparent or other loved one. It is intended to help children understand that they are not alone in their grief and that having fun is also part of healing. Volunteers help with games, crafts and other activities. Rays of Hope is held every summer at the Van Wert County YMCA Camp Clay.



BEHIND THE SCENES:

If you are more comfortable doing things behind the scenes, we have many opportunities to offer you. For example:

- ♥ Office Work: paper work, filing, folding, etc.
- ♥ Helping with fundraising events
- ♥ Participating in community events
- ♥ Helping staff put together events
- ♥ Preparing mailings
- ♥ Making crafts, bake sales, etc.

WOMEN INFANTS & CHILDREN (WIC):



In Van Wert County, CHP is the host organization for WIC; a nutrition education program for pregnant women, women who just had a baby, breastfeeding moms, infants, and children up to age five. WIC provides nutritious foods and services to many people and can use the assistance of volunteers in answering phones and scheduling appointments, as well as performing many various clerical duties.