



Barton Hospice Volunteers play an integral role in helping patients transition through the last phase of their lives. By providing service through basic physical assistance, companionship and compassionate support, you can help patients and their families embrace the time they have left together. In becoming a Barton Hospice Volunteer you are truly sharing the *gift of life.*



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# Hospice Volunteer Program



*Taking your health to **new heights***

# Hospice Needs Volunteers

Volunteers provide important services to the people they serve in our community. Whether it's providing companionship to a person in the final months and weeks of life, offering support to family members and caregivers, or helping with community outreach and fundraising, the contributions of volunteers are essential. Hospice volunteers make a difference in our community every day!



## The rewards of caring

- ❖ An investment of self-worth through participation of your "gift of self" and compassionate unconditional love
- ❖ Positive investment in your community
- ❖ A greater sensitivity and appreciation for living life to its fullest
- ❖ Affiliation with a compassionate and caring community health care organization

## Becoming a Hospice Volunteer

Volunteers are trained in the goals and philosophy of Hospice Care, as well as the care and comfort of the hospice patient. Volunteer training includes:

- ❖ Hospice philosophy
- ❖ Concepts of death and dying
- ❖ Providing comfort and support to patients and families
- ❖ Understanding emotional and spiritual needs of patients at the end of life
- ❖ Emergency procedures

## Connecting and making a difference

At the direction of the Volunteer/Bereavement Coordinator, volunteers are matched according to the patient and family's needs:

- ❖ Psychosocial needs of companionship, caregiver respite, family emotional support
- ❖ Assisting family and patient by preparing light meals, light housekeeping, shopping and errand activities
- ❖ Assist in ensuring that the patient is in a safe and trusting environment that supports the patient's choices and dignity at end of life

## Volunteers also support Hospice services in other areas

- ❖ Communicating Barton Hospice's mission to provide the patient and family with the highest level of care within its resources
- ❖ Assisting in administrative and clerical staff needs for Barton Hospice
- ❖ Providing communication support for Barton Hospice Foundation
- ❖ Participate in coordinating and organizing support and special event services

For more information on becoming a hospice volunteer, please call 530.543.5581 or 775.782.1510.