



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN 2007/2008

ADULT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / POSTION

The aim of the Auxiliary is to raise funds for needed equipment for the general comfort and well being of patients at Victoria General Hospital. The Auxiliary has a high volume shop that is staffed and run completely by volunteers. Auxiliary volunteers are dedicated and trained experts in stock handling, sales, or management. There is also a shopping cart that provides staff and patients on all acute care floors with basic essentials as well as some goodies. As well, volunteers sell lottery pull-tabs to visitors and staff. Some Auxiliary members volunteer from their home and knit baby layettes, slippers, and others make crafts and bake for special sales.

For more information about the Auxiliary please contact: 727-4318 or VGH.Aux@viha.ca

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER

Providing assistance and support to patients admitted to the Emergency and their family members. Spend recreational and diversionary time with pediatric patients and siblings. Previous hospital volunteers experience preferred. Must be outgoing and a self-starter. The ER department requires strong self-directed and motivated volunteers who are able to volunteer in this stressful and unpredictable environment.

Notes: Police Record Check required for Emergency Volunteers.
Age Requirement: 19 years or older

ENTERTAINMENT VOLUNTEER

Provide scheduled entertainment for patients or special events. Piano, clowns, musical, puppets...
Certified Clowns: As scheduled for special events and programs.

Note: Police Record Check required on the Pediatric Unit.

GARDEN PROGRAMS

Volunteers needed to provide the care required for preserving and supporting the garden areas at the hospital.

Outdoor Garden Volunteer

Volunteers provide plant care by watering, deadheading, weeding and fertilizing. They also maintain furniture placement, tidy areas, remove garbage and laundry and empty ashtrays.

Plant & Flower Care Volunteer

Provide care for plants and flowers in sunrooms, lobbies, patient rooms and nursing units.

JUST ART VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Volunteers needed to engage adult and youth patients in creative activities either one-on-one or in group activities. Volunteers help guide patients in art projects or simply give the patient the necessary supplies to be creative and have fun on their own. Activities include: painting, sketching, sculptures, jewellery making, card making, book designs, etc...

COMMUNITY KNITTERS, SEWERS AND CROCHETIER VOLUNTEERS

Knitting or sewing a variety of useful items from their homes, clubs or local churches to be forwarded to the Acute Care Units, Maternity Unit, Emergency or Paediatric Units. Knitters produce items such as comfort dolls, lap blankets, newborn hats, booties and sweater sets, blankets, and slippers. Sewers produce stuffed toys, small incubator quilts, slippers, and other requested/needed items.

LIBRARY SERVICES VOLUNTEER (ADULT OR YOUTH PROGRAM)

Providing patients with an accessible, free service of donated books, magazines, newspapers, playing cards and comic books during their hospital stay.

Library and Magazine Cart Service

Taking the library or magazine carts to the nursing units in the hospital. This involves working with a partner, pushing a book cart, brief visits with patients and lots of walking.

Book Sale

Assisting with the monthly book sale (setting up tables, pricing and selling of books in the main hallway).

Library Coordinator

Organizes and maintains the library: books, shelves, book sale items, stocking, tidying, maintains, inventory.

MEDICAL GENENTICS PROGRAM PROJECTS – STUDENT VOLUNTEER

Report to designated doctors for assignments. Gather, organize and present data from various resources.

MEDICAL IMAGING

Medical Imaging Volunteer

Greeting and accompanying patients to specific areas for their procedures. Attending the unit and providing social support to patients while they are waiting for diagnostic procedures. Must like to chat with people and be able to walk a three to four hour shift.

Mammography Volunteer

Assignment the same as above, but must be a **FEMALE VOLUNTEER**.

Notes: Police Record Check required for Medical Imaging and Mammography Volunteers.
Age Requirement: 18 years or older

OFFICE VOLUNTEER

Assisting with variable office duties in the Volunteer Resources Department.

RECRUITMENT & INTAKE VOLUNTEER

Involve volunteers in the recruitment and intake of new volunteers for Victoria General Hospital.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION LEADER

Welcome and orientate new volunteers to their area assignments.

VOLUNTEER PRESENTER

Gives 30-minute presentations to nurses' orientations, scheduled throughout the year. Educates new nurses about VIHA Volunteer Resources Department & Services.

PATIENT PRE-ADMISSION CLINIC VOLUNTEER

Accompanying members of the public to specific departments on the main floor: Emergency, Diagnostic Treatment, Electro diagnostics, Medical Imaging, Endoscope/GI Outpatient, Surgical Day Care, Rehabilitation, Cast Room, Fire/Security and Administration). Advising people where the gift shop, cashier, cafeteria, etc. are located. Willing to be friendly and helpful. Must be able to walk a good distance.

Note: Police Record Check required for this position.

PATIENT SUPPORT VOLUNTEER (ONE-ON-ONE VISITS)

Visiting one-to-one with patients on nursing units: listening, reading to, taking for wheelchair walks outside and inside, etc. Nursing Units include: Gastrointestinal, Geriatric Rehabilitation, Neurosciences, Orthopaedics, General Medicine, Outpatient Neurological, Respiratory, Short Stay Surgery, Gynaecology, Urology and Sub Acute Seniors.

SPECIAL REQUEST VOLUNTEER

Volunteers provide support for special requests coming from staff, patients or visitors. Volunteers are to assist patients with individual needs or on site leisure activities.

P.A.R.T.Y. VOLUNTEER: Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth

Offering emotional support to students during program presentations and to chaperone and facilitate the movement of groups of grade 10 students through various high impact stations located throughout Victoria General Hospital.

Notes: Police Record Check required for PARTY Volunteers

Age Requirement: 18 years or older

Long term commitment September ~ June (3 hours once a week on a designated day)

PET VISITS

Occasional - On Call basis

Pet visits (dog) - Only in exceptional circumstances and must be for compassionate and individual reasons. It must be pre-approved by Infection Control, Volunteer Resources and the Unit Manager.

Note: Must be a certified pet from the P.A.T.S. program.

- Coordinator of Volunteer Resources can refer you and your pet to the P.A.T.S. program for certification, upon acceptance to VGH on call Pet Visit Program.

PEDIATRIC VOLUNTEER

Child Life Volunteer (Limited positions available)

To spend recreational and diversionary time with children ranging from babies to 17 years of age; playing with, reading, visiting and listening to patients – and washing toys.

Child Life Surgical Day-Care (Limited positions available)

Accompanying child and parent to operating room. Supporting children and their families during day

Special Care Nursery/Neo-Natal (Limited positions available)

Spending quality time with babies on the Neo-natal Special Care Nursery.

Mother and Babe Unit

At home volunteers knit and sew: Baby blankets, premie hats and sweater sets, toys, incubator quilts for donation to new mothers in need.

Notes: Police Record Check required for Pediatric Unit Volunteers.

Age Requirement: 19 years or older

LEISURE/ACTIVITY VOLUNTEER

Provide diversion, companionship and leisure activities in order to enhance patient's stay while hospitalized.

RED CROSS LOAN DEPOT ORGANIZER

To provide patients with a free and accessible loan depot at VGH for at home-use with medical equipment stocked by the Red Cross, a shared service provided by VIHA Transport, Emergency and the Volunteer Department. The depot provides walkers; freestanding commodes, standard wheelchairs, raised toilet seats, crutches and adjustable canes.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

This program runs from September to June, with some exceptions during the summer months. It is designated for high school students between the ages of 14 and 18 years. Positions are limited and in some cases there is a waitlist.

PATIENT SUPPORT VISITS, ICE WATERS & SPECIAL REQUEST VOLUNTEER

Visiting one-to-one with patients on nursing units: listening, reading to, and taking for wheelchair walks outside and inside. Volunteers also provide support for special requests coming from staff, patients or visitors to assist patients with individual needs or on site leisure activities.

LIBRARY CART SERVICE

Providing patients on the acute care units with an accessible, free service of donated books, magazines, newspapers, playing cards and comic books during their hospital stay. This involves working with a partner, pushing a book cart, brief visits with patients and lots of walking.

HYMN SING VOLUNTEER (Limited positions available)

To invite and enable patients to participate (along with the volunteers) in the weekly hymn sing and visit afterwards.

AUXILIARY SUMMER PROGRAM

Program runs from July to August in partnership with the Auxiliary Gift Shop. This service provides patients with the luxuries available in the Gift Shop. Volunteer duties include restocking the shopping cart, assist in pushing cart throughout the hospital and inviting patients to purchase items.

SUMMER GARDEN VOLUNTEER

Assisting with the garden areas by maintaining plants, watering and tidying garden areas.

OFFICE HELPER (Limited positions available)

Assisting with variable office duties in the Volunteer Resources Department, such as filing, photocopying and many other routine office procedures.

TOY CLEANING

Disinfecting and cleaning toys from the Emergency, Child Life (CFAU) and Neo-Natal departments.

*The Value of One – The Power of Many
Join Us!*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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