

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

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Working with the Residents

Therapeutic Recreation

Our Therapeutic Recreation Department has various opportunities for volunteers to assist. The Home's philosophy is "Food and Fun". We believe that enjoying life and being engaged are very important and you're never too old to learn new things. We are always utilizing the latest technology and innovations (Wii, digital cameras and various computer systems).

Some sample programs include: antique car & motorcycle shows right in our parking lot, chef's club & adult education. Trips to Belmont Race Track, out on fishing boats, ball games, movies and, restaurants. In addition, we have a diversity of musical entertainment from big band, to classical, from steel drum bands to pop music.

Our small unit based programs allow our residents to explore new hobbies such as, scrap booking, photography club, yoga, cooking, writing, women's circle, gardening, and drum circle.

Program Assistant

Weekends & Evenings are a High Priority. Volunteer Shifts Tend to Be: Mornings, everyday, except Fridays & Sundays; Afternoons; 7 days a week; Evenings, Sun, Tu, Th. Chose your set schedule. Help our residents stay active in the community, and engaged in life. We have a wide variety of recreation programs to appeal to the varied interest of our residents. You can help by encouraging residents to attend, motivating them to participate and assisting them to and from programs. Work with the Recreation Therapists in small or large group programs. Chose the activities that most interest you and get involved from the monthly recreation calendar.

Trip Volunteers

Usually Wednesdays, Times Vary. Assist the Residents on community trips. Help brighten a resident's week by helping them enjoy this special activity. Must be able to push, pull and lift. Trips include: shopping, restaurants, sporting events, fishing in season, racetrack (must be at least 21), movies, etc.

Create a Home-Like Atmosphere

Do you have a flair for decorating? Do the changing seasons draw out your desire to create a thematic environmental response? How would you like to be part of a team that will help to develop a home-like seasonal atmosphere at the Long Island State Veterans Home? An atmosphere that is reminiscent of home and hospitality? Share your talents and expertise; help to usher in the seasons and celebrations with your own unique design fingerprint.

Program Resource Coordinator

Are you an organizer and love to set up systems? Would you like be a positive force behind the implementation of therapeutic? Would you enjoy setting-up a functional resource space with effective tracking mechanisms? The Therapeutic Recreation Department is in need of individuals to help organize program resources. This will include participating in catalogue searches to find innovative products to enhance the recreation programs. Organization, creative thinking and a desire to be part of a team that seeks to increase wellness and quality of life for residents is all that is required

More Opportunities to Work with the Residents

RAP Volunteer: Recreational Activity Provider

This is an opportunity to become an integral part of the care giving team.

You will be responsible for providing diversionary activities to a specific group of residents on one of our units. Our Recreation Therapists and Nurses will work closely with you to provide support, education, information, ideas and supplies to do your work. You will provide residents who are on the unit with something interesting and engaging to occupy their time. Keep our Veterans Home residents engaged in life and the Vets Home community. You can set your own schedule with the charge nurse on the unit. Once the schedule is set, it should be maintained.

Reflections Unit Volunteers

Provide our residents living on the Reflections Unit with some special attention. The Reflections Unit is our unit specializing in assisting residents who have Dementia (such as Alzheimer's). This is a safe, closed unit for the residents. Residents with this condition need a lot of individual attention and stimulation. We need help with the **Recreation Programs** on the unit, 7 days a week from 10-12 and 2-4. You are helping provide care to and brighten the day of our residents with this difficult medical condition. You can pick a day and shift that meets your needs and availability. Training and support will be provided.

Religious Services

Protestant Services

Sundays: 3:00 PM

Jewish Services

Fridays: 10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Assist residents to and from religious services in the MPR. Lend a hand during the services. This volunteer job helps residents stay connected to and practice their religion. Volunteer does not need to be of that faith to assist.

Resident Mail Delivery

Wednesdays: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

The mail is such an important part of the day for our residents, it reminisces back to the "MAIL CALL" times of the service. Help brighten the days of our residents by ensuring prompt delivery of the day's mail. Job entails: sorting the mail by unit. Bringing the mail cart to the units and dropping off the mail at the nurses' stations.

Resident Supporter

Preferably, Once a Week: Hours Can Vary (between 10 AM and 9 PM)

Join our Resident Support Program and help break the isolation many of our residents feel. Visit one-on-one with a set group of assigned residents. Your visit can help ease discomfort and bring happiness & diversity to the day of a resident. Requires at least a 6 month commitment. Weekly report in via email (or phone) for first month, then monthly. Join our Google Group for Resident Supporter volunteers to be able to stay in touch as well as connect to other volunteers.

Of Interest to Student Volunteers (some only open for Students):

Rehab Therapy (Occupational and Physical Therapy)

Shifts Available for Student Volunteers Only

(Shifts are given based on the applicant's demonstration of interest, responsibility & timeliness.) Keep our residents active & independent. Rehab therapy can assist residents in being able to perform tasks independently and have better balance and mobility. Assist the Rehab staff by bringing residents to the treatment rooms, motivating and assisting residents while they are receiving rehab. Deliver charts. Stock supplies.

Pharmacy

Non-Student Shifts available: M, Tu, Wed; 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Students Shifts Available- Schedule With Director of Volunteer Services

Help fill and deliver orders. Assist with office work. Help where needed.

Skilled Based Volunteer Opportunities

Admissions Office

Openings On: Thursday: 10 am- 1 pm (hours could be adjusted on that day if you need)

Assist in our Admissions office with answering the phones, taking messages, preparing admissions packets, coordinating and filing and possible deliveries to the units. Our Admissions Office is often the first contact for the community, the face of the Veterans Home. Interested volunteer should be friendly with good people and customer service skills, organized and possess the ability to alphabetize.

Coordinator & Liaison

Coordinate our Resident Supporter Program. This program provides volunteer visitors to residents with special needs. Visits need to be tracked and reported to various departments. Supervise participating volunteers. Update the Care Planning Team on the progress of the visits. Assess the appropriateness of referrals and participating residents.

Liaison to the volunteers. Help to welcome new volunteers. Be available to volunteers with questions about starting, or their assignments, check in on volunteers over time.

Human Resources

Looking for someone one or two days a week, M-F, for a minimum shift of 4 hours anytime between 9-5.

Assist in our Human Resources office with answering the phones, taking messages, preparing orientation packets, coordinating and filing. Our Human Resources office is often the first contact for the community, the face of the Veterans Home. Interested volunteer should be friendly with good people and customer service skills, organized and possess the ability to alphabetize and pay attention to details. Some office skills a must.

Newsletter Editor & Writer

Design, develop and edit a newsletter for our Friends of the Veterans Home groups and organizations. Compile information from staff, interview community groups, volunteers and residents. Take photos. Must have proven experience with professional writing, marketing or public relations.

Program Evaluator

Create volunteer satisfaction surveys, coordinate the implementation of the survey and analyze the results.

Create "customer" satisfaction surveys of the various LISVH departments who utilize volunteers. Coordinate the implementation of the survey and analyze results.

Make suggestions for improvements based on the survey findings.

Promotional & Creative Writer

Write human interest stories about our volunteers. Interview volunteers and put together the information in a creative and engaging way. Gather quotes from our volunteers about their experiences. These stories and quotes will be used in our marketing materials, for press releases and in our newsletters.

Volunteer Recruitment Display

Create an eye catching display that can be used at volunteer recruitment events. The display should show a variety of volunteer tasks and capture the spirit of the Veterans Home. It should include some photos as well as some text. Text could speak to the various volunteer opportunities and benefits. Volunteer could take photos of volunteers in action to use in the display as well as sort through other photos.

Create Your Own Opportunity

Don't see anything in this packet that appeals to you? Speak to our Director of Volunteer Services to explore other possibilities. Do you have a skill you would like to share? Or a talent you would like to display? Perhaps we can come up with a good match.

Other opportunities may include: assisting with fundraising and soliciting, speakers bureau, representing the Veterans Home at community events, lending a hand with volunteer recruitment, doing a demonstration for the residents on something that interests you, assisting our many offices, guiding us with your expertise.

Speak to us so we can explore your interests and our needs.