

Volunteer Opportunities

at Drake Center



Drake Center

Health Alliance™

Specialized Medical & Rehabilitative Care

Drake Center is the leading provider of specialized medical and rehabilitative care in the region, offering a complete range of inpatient and outpatient care. Services include long-term acute care (medically complex care and rehabilitation), transitional skilled nursing, assisted living and various outpatient and wellness services.

Profile of a Drake Volunteer

Volunteers are an essential component of patient care at Drake Center. They add to the quality of our health care by helping patients, families, staff and visitors. Through their generosity, volunteers provide many extra services that supplement the essential functions of the professional staff and add to the comfort, care and happiness of our patients.

What Drake Offers Volunteers

- Complimentary meal ticket
- Free parking
- Free educational workshops
- Formal job description, orientation and training
- A meaningful work experience
- Appreciation, friendship, growth and personal fulfillment
- Recognition at an annual luncheon honoring the contributions of all volunteers, with awards presented for major service milestones
- Students who volunteer 60 hours per school year are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 tuition scholarship funded by the Drake Auxiliary.

Volunteer Requirements

All applicants must:

- Be at least 14 years of age
- Commit to at least 30 hours of service
- Be dependable and punctual
- Follow all steps of the application process:
 1. Submit application.
 2. Provide references.
 3. Attend interview.
 4. Receive tuberculin skin test.
 5. Submit to criminal background check (applicants over the age of 18).
 6. Complete a 2½-hour orientation.



Volunteer Assignments and Scheduling

All volunteer hours and assignments are scheduled in advance. To aid in the planning and scheduling of our volunteer team, we request that you work in a specific area at least two hours per week on a day of your choice. You will be assigned to a supervisor who will provide you with help and direction. Because our volunteers are an essential part of our day-to-day operations, we do rely on you to be present on the days and for the time periods you have pledged services.

How Do I Become a Volunteer?

The first step to becoming a volunteer is completing an application. Call 513-418-2521/418-2522 or go to www.DrakeCenter.com/youcanhelp/volunteerservices.asp and an application will be sent to you.

When we have received your completed application, we'll call you to schedule an interview and tour of the facility.



Volunteer Positions

Something for Everyone

Drake Auxiliary

For more than 27 years, the Drake Auxiliary has been dedicated to working for the benefit of Drake Center patients. The auxiliary supports the patient-focused mission of Drake Center by enhancing patient/resident services and community awareness through fundraising and patient activities. The following volunteer opportunities are available through the Drake Auxiliary:

- **Gift Shop** – Assist customers in making their selections, dust, stock shelves and check in and receive new merchandise. Requires operation of an easy-to-use, point-of-sale cash register system. Shifts are 3½ hours; shop is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; and weekends, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Sewing for Patients** – Sew or crochet patient lap robes and appliance or wheelchair bags in your home. Ongoing opportunities available.
- **Fundraising**

Chaplain Assistant

Provide one-on-one companionship for patients as requested or referred. Be a friend or lend an ear during a time of loneliness, sadness, frustration and despair.

This position requires persons with interdisciplinary training in counseling, clergy, psychology or social work. Opportunities available daily, 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Clerical Support

Assist staff with office duties including answering phones, copying, filing and assembling information packets in areas such as Human Resources, Education, Outpatient Services, Volunteer Services, etc. Opportunities available Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Patient/Guest Ambassador at the Health Care Resources Center (HCRC)

Patient, family and community outreach program. Volunteers provide access to health care information using the Internet and traditional hard-copy reference materials. Familiarity with computers and the Internet is required. Library science skills are also helpful. Times vary, Monday-Saturday, and assignments can be flexible.

- **Library Assistant** – Research health care information in the Drake Medical Library.

Patient Escort

- **Religious Services** – Transport patients to and from religious services, including: Bible study on Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m.; Mass on Saturdays, 2:30-4:15 p.m.; and Protestant Services on Sundays, 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.
- **Special Events** – Transport patients to and from parties and/or entertainment events. Daytime and evening opportunities available. Volunteers are called on an as-needed basis.
- **Therapies** – Transport patients to and from various therapies.

Patient Visiting

- **Welcome patients** to Drake and introduce them to the services offered by the Volunteer Services Department, including the Welcome Cart (see below). Opportunities available Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Welcome Cart** – Make rounds on nursing units delivering patient welcome kits and offering patients items from a cart filled with magazines, books, various toiletries and other donated items. Re-stocking cart. Opportunities available daily, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
- **Visiting with patients** at their request (or the request of family members or staff). Be a friend to those with few visitors. Assist in letter writing, transporting patients to the gift shop or reading newspapers and books to them. Opportunities available daily, 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Pet Program

Assist patients in interactions with your pet. Pets must have all of their shots, be bathed, have their nails clipped and be on a leash. There are two programs for pets:

- **Pet Therapy** – Pet must have completed obedience training, earned its Good Citizenship certificate and completed the therapy training program.
- **Pet Visiting** – Bring your pet in to visit with a patient. Pet must have successfully completed obedience training.



Opportunities for Service Learning

Service Learning

This 16-week program is designed for those interested in the fast-growing industry of health care.

Jr. Volunteer Program

Individuals pursuing medical/health care careers may gain experience by shadowing a medical/health care professional or volunteering in a department of interest.

Team C.A.R.E.

A volunteer opportunity for graduate students in psychology, social work or pastoral care, this program is designed to provide friendship and support to our patients during a time of loneliness, sadness, frustration and despair as well as to enjoy the good times together.

Bridgeway Pointe

- **Aviary Care** – Maintain aviary by giving birds food and water, remove waste clumps, and wash aviary windows. Volunteers must like birds and are not allergic. Monday, Thursday or Friday 9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 12-5 p.m.
- **Craft Group** – Assist residents with simple crafts. Wednesday 2:45 – 4:30 p.m.
 - **Art Program** – Various art activities. The Art Studio is open most days from 1 – 3 p.m.
- **Special Events Escort** – Transport patients to and from bingo, parties and/or entertainment events. Daytime and evening opportunities, volunteers are called on an “as needed” basis.
 - **Bingo** – Saturday 1:30 p.m. in the Club Room
 - **Catholic Mass** – Saturday 4 p.m. in the Chapel



Therapies

- **Aquatic Therapy** – Assist with pool equipment, answer phones, greet clients and register guests using the Fitness Center. Occasionally assist with classes in the pool (at the discretion of the staff and based on your qualifications). Opportunities available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Occupational or Physical Therapy (outpatient only)** – Assist therapists by serving as an extra set of eyes and hands, and keeping the department neat and orderly. Encourage patients in their rehabilitation program, transport patients to and from treatments and run errands within the hospital. Opportunities available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or 1-4 p.m.
- **Therapeutic Recreation** – Assist with group activities, giving individual attention as needed. Volunteers are called on an as-needed basis.
 - **Bingo and Movie Night** – Assist patients in playing bingo/going to the movies allowing them to experience fun, relaxation and socialization with fellow patients.
 - **Monthly Birthday Party** – Celebrate each month with our patients who have birthdays. Help with the party or be a birthday clown complete with costume.
 - **Drake Art Program** – Assist with patient art sessions focusing on drawing, painting and working with ceramics. Opportunities available on Saturdays.



Contributing to Drake

Like volunteer efforts, monetary donations help provide extra services that supplement the essential functions of Drake’s professional staff and enhance the comfort and care of patients. There are a number of specific and general funds through which potential donors can support Drake programs and services. Drake also welcomes donations of items for patients, such as books,

magazines and toiletries. For more information on the various donor funds, or how you can contribute to Drake, contact Volunteer Services at 513-418-2522.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Drake Center, call 513-418-2521.

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