



It's wonderful to hear of your interest in volunteering for Kindred Hospice.

Kindred utilizes volunteers primarily for patient care, which includes providing companionship, socialization, emotional support, caregiver relief, and in some cases, music and pet therapy (with appropriate certifications). Occasionally, we have volunteers who do administrative tasks and other projects that are indirectly supportive of our patients. Typically, volunteers contribute 1-4 hours of time each week, but that can vary with volunteer availability as well as with the current demand for volunteers.

The volunteer training, which involves home study of the manual followed by an in-person 8-hour workshop, focuses on hospice policies and procedures, disease and palliative care, compassionate listening, grief and bereavement, family dynamics, and volunteer opportunities. The training is free and attendance does not obligate you to be a volunteer, nor does it guarantee that you will be selected. It's a great introduction to the work of hospice and, should we both agree that being a volunteer is a good fit for you, will be followed by completion of a TB test (at our expense) and some final paperwork.

If you are interested in moving forward, please complete the attached application and background check authorization forms and give the reference form to two people who can speak to your qualifications to be a volunteer. After I receive your application materials, I will set up a casual interview with you if you are interested in pursuing Kindred Hospice as a volunteer opportunity.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call!

Warmly,

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