

Volunteer Opportunities

At VNA Hospice of Northwest Indiana, our volunteers are an integral part of our team and assist in many of the day-to-day activities that help our agency run smoothly.

To safeguard the patients and families in our care, volunteers will be asked to complete background checks, TB tests, online training programs, continuing education in-services, and other required documentation to volunteer with our team.

Please contact us at volunteerinfo@vnanwi.org or 219-462-5195 if you are interested in volunteering!

Hospice Volunteer Opportunities

Home Patient Volunteers: Home VNA Hospice Volunteers visit our hospice and/or palliative care patients in the nursing home, or private home setting to provide companionship or brief respite care for the caregiver. Volunteer duties may include reading to patients, listening to music, watching a movie, or making a small snack. Patient volunteers are asked to complete our background check process and training program both online and in person. Currently we are looking for volunteers in Lake and Porter counties.

Hospice Center Volunteers: VNA Hospice Center Volunteers visit patients in our Hospice Center to provide companionship and assistance to the patient and/or family during their stay in the Center. Volunteer duties may include visiting with patients and families, welcoming visitors to the Hospice Center, answering phones, and other clerical duties. Hospice Center volunteers are asked to complete our background check process and training program both online and in person.

Office Volunteers: VNA Hospice of NWI has opened a new Crown Point location and we are looking for volunteers willing to work in the office a few hours in the morning! Volunteers are needed for reception and office related tasks like copying, filing, binder making, etc. Interested volunteers could volunteer once a week or more depending on their availability. Application, background checks, online and in-person training is required for this position.

Veteran to Veteran Volunteers: As a Level 5 Partner with the We Honor Veterans Program, VNA Hospice of NWI is proud to offer military veterans the opportunity to work directly with other veterans on hospice care. Veteran to Veteran volunteers honor veterans on hospice services, help with events, and work with our We Honor Veterans committee to maintain our Level 5 status.

Bereavement Support Volunteers: VNA Hospice of Northwest Indiana needs volunteers to assist within our Bereavement Program. Volunteers are needed to make calls to bereaved family members and provide other bereavement assistance as needed. Training is provided. This is a great opportunity for college students looking to gain experience working with grieving families.

Pet Therapy Volunteers: VNA Hospice of Northwest Indiana is looking for licensed Pet Therapy dogs and their human companions who want to visit with our hospice and/or palliative care patients at their private homes, nursing facilities, or at the VNA Horton Hospice Center. Pet Therapy volunteers are asked to complete our background check process and training program both online and in person. Currently we are looking for volunteers in Lake and Porter counties.

Teen Volunteers: VNA Hospice of Northwest Indiana is proud to introduce our brand-new Teen Volunteer Program! Our teen volunteers will work with patients in both hospice and palliative care to complete legacy projects of the patient's choosing, to leave behind for their loved ones. The projects could include a cookbook, video, compilation of letters or stories, audio clips, and more. Teen volunteers must be 16 years of age or older and parental consent is required. Teens will have to complete inkless fingerprinting, background checks, TB tests, and in person and online training.

Baking Volunteers: Do you LOVE to bake? Help bake for VNA Hospice of NWI! Our baking volunteers help provide goodies for our hospice center, memorial services, bereavement support groups, and more events throughout the year. Let us know if you'd like to help and we'll give you the details on when our next event is!

Life Services Volunteer Opportunities

Medical Alert Volunteers: Medical alert volunteers assist with installing and fixing units, as well as pick up of units. Training is provided and this is a great volunteer opportunity for someone who wishes to give back but is unable to make a large time commitment.

Phoenix Center Volunteers: The VNA Phoenix Center is a one of kind grief support program for children, teens, young adults, and their families. This program is offered free of charge to those in need of grief support, so we rely heavily on the participation of volunteers in this program. Volunteers are asked to complete our background check process and in-person training program.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers: VNA is the provider of Porter County's Meals on Wheels Program, and we could not complete our mission without the help of our volunteers! Background checks are required, and training is provided. Valid driver's license and reliable transportation is required.