



VOLUNTEERING HAS A POSITIVE EFFECT
ON OUR COMMUNITY.

Did you know it also has a positive impact on *you*?

SELF CONFIDENCE

Taking on new challenges and learning new skills will give you the confidence to face challenges in all areas in your life.

MEET NEW PEOPLE

There is no better way to meet people with similar interests. Working together for the same cause builds bonds that last a lifetime!

GAIN EXPERIENCE

You gain valuable work experience by volunteering. It provides networking opportunities that can guide your career path.

WELL-BEING

It has been shown that volunteering can improve your health. It helps build your sense of well-being and makes you feel needed and useful.

IT'S FUN

There is nothing more satisfying than helping make someone else's life a little better. By finding a task that matches your interests, you will have fun while helping others.

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Langone Medical Center

OUR Mission

Our mission is to recruit, train, and place committed volunteers in a variety of areas at NYU Langone Medical Center. Volunteers add to the excellent care provided by staff. They offer additional support, compassion and services for patients and their loved ones. From Informational Desks to the Emergency Room and through programs such as Animal Assisted Therapy, Child Life, and the Book Cart, volunteers are an important part of the patient experience. By delivering something special for a patient from the gift shop, giving directions to an anxious family member or simply listening, volunteers make the hospital experience more pleasant.

OUR Volunteers

As of March 2010, there are 625 active volunteers in the Medical Center. The number of active volunteers varies throughout the year. We usually have the largest number in June, July and August. This includes approximately 100 additional high school, college and graduate students who only volunteer for the summer. Volunteers gave a total of 131,481 hours of service during 2009. Our active volunteers range in age from 16-96.



HOW DO I Volunteer?

THE PROCESS

If you would like to become a volunteer, please visit our website and complete the online application (www.med.nyu.edu, go to Careers then Volunteer Opportunities). Our program staff will try to find a position that meets your skills, interests and schedule. It can take 3-8 weeks to become a volunteer so you should apply for volunteering at least 1-2 months before you plan to start. As part of a thorough screening process you will need to have screening and departmental interviews, health clearance and reference checks.

OPPORTUNITIES

Most volunteer opportunities involve helping staff make sure that patients and visitors have a friendly and comfortable visit to the medical center. Volunteers usually help by providing information, improving communication between visitors, patients and staff, or helping with recreational programs. Volunteers help in non-medical roles to enhance the patient experience. Our volunteer opportunities allow you to experience and be a part of the health-care environment.



WHY Volunteer?

- Meet new and diverse people
- Utilize your talents
- Explore new areas of interest
- Help others
- Make a difference
- Build your resume
- Connect with your community
- Find purpose
- Feel involved
- Learn new skills
- Build your resume
- Develop your skills
- Feel good about yourself
- Contribute to a cause that you care about