

In 2018:

**375** adult volunteers and **61** teen volunteers donated over **51,157** hours representing a value of over **\$1.26 million** in contributed service.

### A few ways that volunteers offered support at Aspirus Wausau Hospital:

- **Pastoral Care Representatives (PACARS)** Catholic ministers made 7,736 visits to patients.
- **EZ Rider drivers** made 4,365 trips to deliver 6,847 people to their destination.
- **Pet Therapy dogs and handlers** offered 111 canine visits.
- At **Honoring Choices**, which is held the first Thursday of every month, trained volunteers assist community members in completing advance directives.
- **Patient Registration volunteers** distributed 3,840 pieces of guest mail, email greetings and flower orders.
- **Personal Escorts** assisted 795 people to reach their destination.



### Volunteer talents reach out into the community:

- **Hospice** volunteers visited 86 patients for a total of 1,398 hours.
- **Lifeline Medical Response** is supported by 12 volunteers who install and service units in people's homes in Marathon County. In 2018, there were approximately 800 subscribers.
- The **Teddy Bear Clinic program** at Aspirus Wausau Hospital was hosted by 13 volunteers who provided 525 hours of service. Volunteers provided a clinic for sick or injured teddy bears as well as an orientation to the hospital for 1,056 students.
- Volunteers assisted with the **Women's Health Breast Milk Donation program**. 1,035 lbs was donated and 1,074 lbs of milk was shipped to Mother's Milk Bank of the Western Great Lakes for shipment to NICUs across the country.



### In 2018, Aspirus Volunteers' funds supported:

- \$7,500 in financial support for Rainbow's End Camp for children with special needs.
- \$7,500 in scholarships to high school graduates who served as Aspirus Volunteers.
- \$2,500 for Student Talent Art Review - STAR.
- \$5,000 for Heart Pillows that are used for Heart & Vascular patients.
- \$2,500 to purchase items for the Compassion Clothing Closet at Aspirus Wausau Hospital so that patients have clothing to wear home after unexpected hospital visits.

If you would like to become an Aspirus Volunteer, please visit [aspirus.org/volunteers](http://aspirus.org/volunteers) or call the volunteer office at 715.847.2848.

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# Aspirus Volunteers Annual Report

2018



*This annual report offers a small glimpse of the Aspirus Volunteer organization over the past year. Aspirus Volunteers offer their time, talents and compassion to benefit people wherever they serve. Their gentle, generous spirits soften and enhance the daily patient and family experience, support employed teammates and help demonstrate the spirit of caring and compassion at Aspirus.*





### Aspirus Health Foundation community fundraising events supported programs for patients, families and our community:

- In August 2018, volunteers shared their time and talent to help the 12th Annual Aspirus Women's Golf Classic raise \$80,000 to help children and adult victims of sexual assault and abuse by supporting a nurse examiner program. The funds also supported Reach Out and Read, a program used by 13 Aspirus Clinics to help kids build healthy brains.
- Festival of Trees, a week-long event in November 2018, was successful because of the support of our community, donors, and over 200 volunteers who helped raise \$222,000 to support Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services, including two community bedrooms at Aspirus Hospice House for patients with identified financial need.

### The Aspirus Volunteers raised funds all year long to provide resources to carry out their mission:

- Aspirus Coffee Shop was assisted by 5 volunteers who served Starbucks coffee and espresso drinks as well as sweet treats in the main lobby of Aspirus Wausau Hospital.
- Aspirus Gift Shop was supported by 22 volunteers serving patients, family members and staff.
- Other special fundraising events such as cookie and linen sales.



### Caring and compassion expressed by working from home or assisting in office locations:

- 29 Hospice bereavement volunteers displayed caring and compassion by making phone calls or writing letters to family members whose loved one has died, providing 1,058 hours in 2018.
- Handmade items such as baby caps, teddy bears, and prayer shawls created by Aspirus volunteers helped support patients and family members.
- Some volunteers chose to offer support by helping in an office location.

