

Hospital Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Role	Age Requirement	Description	Day/Time Needed
Activity Cart	14+	Have a few hours to spare and a heart for helping others? Our patients need you! A hospital stay can feel long, lonely, and stressful. As an Activity Cart volunteer, you'll help brighten a patient's day by delivering complimentary comfort items right to their bedside, including blankets, puzzle books, playing cards, coloring books, and more. Sometimes a warm blanket, a friendly smile, or a few minutes of conversation can make all the difference. As a volunteer, you will: • Bring comfort and encouragement to patients • Help reduce feelings of boredom and isolation • Provide small items that can have a big impact on a patient's experience • Share kindness when patients need it most. No special skills are required, just a caring heart and a desire to help others. While the comfort items are free, the difference you make is invaluable. The gratitude, smiles, and connections you'll experience are rewards that can't be measured. Join us and be the reason someone's hospital stay feels a little brighter.	Per your availability Generally, any day except Mondays & Tuesdays Approx. 2 hours to stock the cart and walk the route
Cancer Center	18+	Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that truly touches lives? Join our team at the Aspirus Regional Cancer Center and provide comfort, support, and compassion to patients and families during their cancer journey. As a volunteer, you'll help create a warm and welcoming environment by offering refreshments, warm blankets, and a friendly presence to those receiving treatment. Sometimes, a simple smile or conversation can make all the difference.	Weekly or Occasional Anytime on Mondays or Fridays Any afternoon on Tuesdays or Wednesdays Noon-4pm

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Cancer Center <i>continued</i>		Based on your comfort level, volunteers may also assist patients in selecting wigs, turbans, and scarves, helping them feel confident, supported, and cared for during a challenging time. No previous experience is required. We provide training and ongoing support to help you feel comfortable and prepared in your role. If you have a compassionate heart, enjoy helping others, and good verbal communication skills this is an opportunity to make a meaningful impact while forming connections with patients, families, and fellow volunteers. Your time, kindness, and presence can bring comfort, hope, and encouragement when it matters most. We invite you to join us and make a difference in our community.	
Coffee Shop	16+	Looking for a rewarding way to give back while connecting with others? The Aspirus Coffee Shop is a welcoming and fun environment where volunteers help create a positive experience for patients, families, visitors, and staff. As a volunteer, you'll greet customers with a smile, take orders, process sales, and assist with general coffee shop operations. No coffee shop experience is required. But for those interested, there's an opportunity to learn how to craft our delicious Starbucks beverages! Most importantly, 100% of coffee shop proceeds support Aspirus Volunteer programs and services that directly benefit Aspirus patients and their families. Whether you're looking to meet new people, learn new skills, or make a meaningful impact in your community, we'd love to have you join our team. Come share your time, your talents, and your smile while helping us serve up coffee and compassion, one cup at a time.	Per your availability Monday - Friday Flexible 6:30am-5pm

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Eucharistic Volunteer HIGH NEED	21+ <i>(Appointed by the Catholic Church as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion required)</i>	Bring comfort, hope and Christ's presence to those in need. A hospital stay can be a challenging and uncertain time. For many Catholic patients, receiving Holy Communion brings peace, strength, and a sense of God's loving presence during their healing journey. As a Eucharistic volunteer, you have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in someone's day by bringing the Eucharist and offering a prayerful presence. A simple visit can provide comfort, encouragement, and spiritual support when it is needed most. This rewarding ministry allows you to: • Share Christ's love with those who are ill or recovering • Offer hope and companionship to Catholic patients • Make a lasting impact through prayer and a compassionate presence • Deepen your own faith while serving others. Join us in this special ministry and help bring faith, comfort, and healing to those who need it most. Your time and presence can be a true blessing.	Weekly or Occasional Any day Monday - Friday Flexible mornings
EZ Rider Driver HIGH NEED	18+ <i>(Valid driver's license required)</i>	Make a difference with every ride! Aspirus is looking for friendly, compassionate volunteers to join our team as EZ Rider drivers. This unique volunteer role gives you the opportunity to provide a warm welcome and a helping hand to patients, families, and visitors as they navigate the hospital. As an EZ Rider driver, you'll operate a golf cart-style vehicle designed to transport patients and guests safely and comfortably throughout the hospital. More than just providing a ride, you'll help ease stress, offer reassurance, and create a positive experience during what can often be a challenging time. Why volunteer as an EZ Rider driver? • Meet and connect with a variety of people each day • Provide a valuable service that makes navigating the hospital easier • Share kindness, encouragement, and a friendly smile	Weekly or Occasional Per your availability Monday - Friday, Any time 8am-3pm

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EZ Rider Driver <i>continued</i>		Stay active while serving your community. Join us and become a part of the compassionate Aspirus volunteer team!	
Family House HIGH NEED	18+	Opening your heart and lending a helping hand can make a world of difference for families facing medical challenges. The Aspirus Family House offers a unique opportunity to provide comfort, kindness, and support when it is needed most. The Aspirus Family House is a beautiful, welcoming home-away-from-home for patients traveling long distances for specialty medical care and for family members staying close to loved ones receiving treatment. Our guests are often navigating difficult and emotional circumstances, and a caring volunteer can help make their stay a little brighter. As a volunteer, you can help create a warm and inviting atmosphere by: - Visiting with guests in common areas and offering friendly conversation - Assisting with changing beds and preparing rooms for new guests - Helping with light cleaning and basic household tasks - Organizing and restocking supplies - Keeping the house comfortable, welcoming, and well cared for. Whether you have a few hours to lend a hand, enjoy meeting new people, or simply want to give back to your community, your time and compassion can make a meaningful impact on the lives of patients and families staying at the Aspirus Family House. Join us in creating a place of comfort, care, and hope. Love to cook or bake? You can also share your talents by preparing homemade meals, treats, or baked goods in your own kitchen and delivering them to the Family House. A home-cooked meal is a simple gesture that can bring comfort and encouragement to guests during a stressful time.	Weekly or Occasional Per your availability Monday - Friday Varied shifts 8:30am-6:30pm Sundays Varied shifts 9am-5:30pm

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Food Service Cafeteria Volunteer HIGH NEED	14+	Make a difference during the busy lunch rush! Join the Aspirus Volunteer Team and become an important part of creating a welcoming experience for patients, visitors, and staff. If you enjoy staying active, helping others, and working in a friendly environment, this is a great opportunity to give back to your community. As a Cafeteria volunteer, you'll help keep our dining area running smoothly during the busy lunch hour by: • Keeping the salad bar and soup station stocked and organized • Restocking silverware, napkins, and condiments • Wiping tables and maintaining a clean, inviting dining area • Providing a positive and welcoming presence for cafeteria guests. Your time and effort help ensure everyone enjoys a comfortable and pleasant dining experience. Whether you're looking to meet new people, stay engaged, or make a meaningful impact, we'd love to have you on our team! Join us and help make every meal a little brighter at Aspirus.	Weekly Any weekday 11am-1pm
Gift Shop	16+	Join our Gift Shop volunteer team! Looking for a meaningful way to give back, meet new people, and make a difference in your community? Become a volunteer at the Aspirus Wausau Hospital Gift Shop! Our gift shop is powered almost entirely by volunteers who create a welcoming shopping experience for patients, visitors, and staff. As a Gift Shop volunteer, you'll help customers find the perfect gift or needed item, assist with purchases, and operate our user-friendly cash register system. Why volunteer with Aspirus? • Make a positive impact on patients and families during their hospital experience • Be part of a fun, friendly, and supportive volunteer team • Gain customer service and retail experience • Enjoy a flexible and rewarding	Weekly or Occasional Any day Monday - Friday Flexible 9am-5pm

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Gift Shop <i>continued</i>		volunteer role Build new friendships while serving your community Best of all, 100% of Gift Shop proceeds support Aspirus Volunteer programs and services that benefit Aspirus patients and their families. Share your smile, make a difference, and join a team that truly cares. We'd love to welcome you to the Aspirus Volunteer family!	
Heart Institute Waiting Room	16+	As a volunteer, you play an important role in creating a welcoming and supportive experience for patients and their loved ones. Responsibilities include: - Providing a friendly presence and helping keep family members informed while their loved one is undergoing a procedure - Escorting family members to conference rooms or education rooms to meet with physicians or watch informational videos - Assisting staff with assembling patient packets, organizing materials, and supporting special projects - Helping create a comfortable environment by offering directions, answering general questions, and ensuring visitors feel welcomed and cared for. Why volunteer with Aspirus? Your time and compassion will make a meaningful difference during what may be one the most stressful times for patients and families. This role is a wonderful opportunity to support your community, build relationships, and be part of a caring healthcare team.	Weekly or Occasional Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays - 7 or 8am-Noon Any weekday Noon-4pm
Lifeline Installer or Lifeline – Replace buttons & batteries only HIGH NEED	21+ <i>(Valid driver's license required)</i>	Help your neighbors stay safe, independent, and connected. Aspirus Lifeline is a personal emergency response service that provides older adults and individuals with disabilities immediate access to help when they need it most. As a volunteer, you'll play a vital role in helping community members continue living safely and confidently in their own homes.	Daytime per your availability Any day Monday - Friday Installations by appointment according to your schedule

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Lifeline Installer <i>continued</i>		How you can make a difference? • Install Lifeline equipment in subscriber homes (as easy as plugging in a phone line) • Complete simple installation paperwork • Replace Lifeline batteries • Exchange personal help buttons for current subscribers. Every visit provides peace of mind, support, and a sense of security for those who rely on the Lifeline service. Why volunteer? • Make a meaningful impact in your community • Help seniors and individuals with disabilities maintain their independence • Meet and connect with community members. No experience necessary. Comprehensive training provided. Whether you're looking for a way to give back, stay active, or use your skills to help others, Aspirus Lifeline offers a rewarding volunteer experience where your time will truly matter. Join our team and help bring safety, independence, and peace of mind to those who need it most.	
Medical/Surgical Intensive Care Unit (MSICU)	16+	Make a difference in someone's day by serving as a welcoming presence in a busy hospital unit. As a volunteer, you'll help the unit run smoothly by: • Greeting patients, family members, and visitors • Helping them locate patient rooms, restrooms, and the cafeteria • Providing friendly assistance when questions arise • Answering the telephone • Supporting staff with light clerical tasks. This is a great opportunity for individuals who enjoy helping others, thrive in a patient-focused environment, and want to give back to their community. Strong communication skills, a positive attitude, and a willingness to jump in	Per your availability Any day Flexible 8am-7pm

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Medical/Surgical Intensive Care Unit (MSICU) <i>continued</i>		where needed will help you succeed and make a meaningful impact on the patient and visitor experience. Why you'll love this role: • Make a positive difference in the lives of patients and families • Gain experience in a healthcare setting • Build communication and customer service skills • Work alongside dedicated healthcare professionals • Enjoy a rewarding volunteer experience while supporting your community. Your smile, kindness, and willingness to help can make all the difference. Join us and become an important part of our hospital team!	
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Office	14+	Make a meaningful difference for families during one of the most important times in their lives. As a NICU volunteer, you'll help create a warm, welcoming environment for parents, visitors, and staff while supporting the day-to-day needs of the unit. Volunteer responsibilities: • Greet and assist families and visitors in the NICU waiting area with kindness and compassion • Help guide visitors and facilitate entry into the unit according to hospital protocols • Provide valuable support to NICU staff through light administrative tasks, including filing and organizing materials • Keep the family kitchen area clean, stocked, and welcoming by replenishing supplies and checking the refrigerator as needed • Assist with folding baby blankets, crib sheets, and other linens to help keep the unit running smoothly • Contribute to a comfortable and supportive environment for NICU families during their hospital journey. Why This Role Matters? Your friendly presence and behind-the-scenes support helps ease stress for families	Per your availability Any day Flexible 9am-7pm

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Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Office <i>continued</i>		and allows clinical staff to focus on providing exceptional patient care. Every task, big or small, helps create a more caring and comforting NICU experience. Important: This role focuses on family support and unit assistance. Holding or cuddling babies is not part of this volunteer position.	
Patient Support Volunteer	14+	Looking for a meaningful way to make a difference? As a Patient Support volunteer, you'll bring smiles, kindness, and a personal touch to patients and families during their hospital experience. Whether you're delivering flowers, a thoughtful card, or a special comfort item, your visit may be the highlight of someone's day. You'll also help guests feel welcome by providing directions and assistance throughout the hospital. What You'll Do: • Deliver flowers, mail, cards, and comfort items to patients • Greet and assist patients, families, and visitors with a friendly smile • Help guests navigate the hospital and find their destinations • Support hospital staff with special projects and volunteer needs • Provide a caring presence that helps create a warm and welcoming environment. Why Volunteer? Every interaction is an opportunity to brighten someone's day. Your time, compassion, and willingness to help can provide comfort to patients, ease stress for visitors, and make a lasting impact on our hospital community. Join us and be the reason someone smiles today!	Weekly Mondays or Wednesdays – Noon-3pm Fridays – Anytime
Patient Visitor HIGH NEED	16+	Looking for a meaningful way to make a difference? As a Patient Visitor, you'll bring comfort, connection, and joy to patients through simple acts of kindness that can have a lasting impact. In this rewarding role, you will: • Provide friendly companionship and engaging conversation to patients • Help reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation by offering a caring	Per your availability Any day Flexible 8am-7pm

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Patient Visitor <i>continued</i>		presence - Assist with enjoyable activities such as playing cards, games, or working on puzzles - Read books, magazines, or other materials to patients - Help patients stay connected to loved ones by assisting with phone calls - Support a welcoming environment by helping tidy personal spaces and attending to simple comfort needs - Offer encouragement, empathy, and a listening ear during a significant time in a patient's life. Why volunteer? Your time, kindness, and companionship can brighten someone's day and provide invaluable emotional support, no medical experience is required, just a compassionate heart, a positive attitude, and a desire to help others. Join us in creating moments of comfort, dignity, and connection for those who need it most.	
Pet Therapy HIGH NEED	21+ <i>(Dog must be certified by an American Kennel Club recognized organization.)</i>	Every wagging tail, gentle nuzzle, and friendly visit can make someone's day a little brighter. If you and your certified therapy dog enjoy bringing comfort to others, this rewarding volunteer opportunity is for you. Pet Therapy volunteers provide companionship, emotional support, and moments of joy to patients, guests, and staff. Together, you and your certified pet will visit patients who would benefit from extra social interaction, greet guests in waiting areas, and brighten the day of dedicated staff members. Whether it's easing anxiety, encouraging a smile, or simply offering a comforting presence, your visits can have a meaningful impact on those facing challenging days. Join us in sharing the healing power of a furry friend and help create a more welcoming, compassionate environment for everyone we serve.	Volunteer schedules their own time
Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting HIGH NEED	None	Looking for a meaningful way to give back? If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, or sewing, you can make a difference in the lives of our patients without ever	On your own time

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Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting <i>continued</i>		leaving home. We are seeking caring volunteers to create handmade items such as: • Prayer shawls • Pocket prayer shawls • Stuffed animals • Blankets • and more... No need to create your own designs. Patterns are available if desired! Every item you make provides comfort, support, and a personal touch that reminds our patients they are cared for by their community. Whether you make one item or many, your time and talent can have a lasting impact. Benefits of volunteering from home: • Flexible schedule • Work at your own pace • Use your creative talents for a meaningful cause • Make a difference in someone's life Join our volunteer team today and help bring comfort, hope, and smiles to those who need it most. Share your talent. Share your heart. Make a difference.	
Surgery Waiting Room (Day Surgery)	16+	Make a difference during one of the most stressful times in a family's life. As a Surgery Waiting volunteer, you provide comfort, support, and communication to loved ones waiting for updates during a patient's surgical procedure. In this rewarding role, you will: • Welcome and assist families in the surgical waiting area • Share approved updates from the surgical team to help keep families informed • Serve as a compassionate link between patient's loved ones and hospital staff • Help locate family members when physicians or care teams need to speak with them • Offer reassurance, a listening ear, and a calming presence during difficult moments	Weekly Fridays – Noon-4pm

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Surgery Waiting Room (Day Surgery) <i>continued</i>		• Ensure families feel supported, respected, and connected throughout the surgical experience. Why volunteer in this role? • Make a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and families • Develop communication and interpersonal skills • Gain exposure to the healthcare environment • Provide comfort and support when it matters most • Become an important part of a caring and compassionate hospital team. The ideal volunteer is: • Friendly, compassionate, and dependable • Comfortable interacting with people from diverse backgrounds • A good communicator and active listener • Able to maintain confidentiality and professionalism • Calm and supportive in emotionally sensitive situations. This role offers a unique opportunity to bring comfort, connection, and peace of mind to families during their healthcare journey.	

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Your volunteer service not only supports our community but also benefits your future by strengthening your post-high school academic application and helping you qualify for a generous Aspirus Volunteer Scholarship!