

Volunteer Position Description

Edenwald Healthcare Units



PURPOSE:

By offering added support with individual attention to engage in preferred activities. Volunteers can provide extra social interaction and a focus on what the residents can do. This makes a difference in their lives. Volunteers build resident self-esteem and improve the older adult's quality of life.

TYPES OF POSITIONS INCLUDE:

- Group Program Assistant
 - Engage with up to 3 residents in a preferred activity (such as puzzles, games, crafts, garden related and more)
 - Hold a discussion group or other activity with up to three residents who hold similar interests.
 - Assist one or two residents who like to play bingo or similar type of game.
- Individual Friendly Visitor
 - Reminisce
 - Engage in one-to-one activity based upon the interest or past profession of a resident.
- Special Programs Assistant
 - Assist with set up and break down of Friday socials or live entertainment or other specialty programs.
- Administrative support to the therapeutic activities department as related to resident programming or services.
 - Deliver mail or transport/escort residents to activity areas on and off the unit.
 - Laminating or advance program preparation needs.
 - Setup and breakdown programs.
 - Organizing / cleaning storage areas with staff.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1) Ability to fulfill time commitment (schedule can change when needed).
- 2) Attend an orientation to Edenwald and the Healthcare units.
- 3) Be punctual. If something causes lateness, notify the unit so residents do not wait for the program or visit to occur.
- 4) Sign in and out each time volunteering at Edenwald to have work hours accurately documented.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Must be at least 15 years of age.
- ✓ Make a 6-month commitment for a minimum of at least 4 hours monthly.
- ✓ Set an initial schedule through the Memory Care Coordinator, and communicate in advance when unable to attend or when a schedule needs to change. This ongoing communication can be with the immediate unit supervisor.