

OUR MISSION

*Quality of life
at the end of life
through compassionate care
for all individuals
and their families.*

Hospice Volunteers

Hospice is a philosophy of care that encompasses the holistic needs of all individuals and their families by providing medical, emotional and spiritual care. Hospice of Central Iowa ensures compassionate care, peace of mind and dignity by using an interdisciplinary team and respecting the wishes of patients and their families.

The Volunteer Structure

An active Volunteer Council comprised of three officer positions and six workgroups guide Hospice of Central Iowa's volunteer corps. The council's goals are to support the mission, vision and values of Hospice of Central Iowa, provide focus, direction and program development and annually evaluate volunteer participation.

Why Volunteer?

Individuals cite many reasons for why they are volunteers for Hospice of Central Iowa. For many, they have had a personal experience with Hospice of Central Iowa and want to share the comfort they received with other patients and family members. Others see it as a way to help someone die with comfort, dignity and peace. Yet, some say they volunteer to meet new people, have fun and keep active. Whatever your incentive, Hospice of Central Iowa guarantees the personal rewards you receive from helping individuals are priceless.

Volunteer Opportunities

As a volunteer at Hospice of Central Iowa, you can choose what type of work you would like to perform. Hospice of Central Iowa has a variety of opportunities to select from, including:

- Patient care (in home/facilities)
- Clerical/Agency Support
- Speakers Bureau
- Delivery Driver
- Companionship
- Gardening
- Bereavement
- Kavanagh House greeters
- Baking

Volunteer Training

Hospice volunteers are required to complete an orientation program that is specialized to the type of volunteer they will be performing. For volunteers who wish to provide direct patient care, the orientation provides the necessary skills to feel comfortable in caring for an individual with a terminal illness. Volunteers also gain valuable insight into end-of-life care.

To Become a Volunteer

For more information about volunteer opportunities or on how to become a volunteer, contact a Hospice of Central Iowa office near you (listed at right).

OFFICES

THE BRIGHT CENTER
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BOONE OFFICE
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(515) 432-4060
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CENTERVILLE OFFICE
118 East Jackson Street
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MOUNT Ayr OFFICE
107 South Fillmore Street
Mount Ayr, IA 50854-1823
(641) 464-2088
(888) 464-7222

MOUNT PLEASANT OFFICE
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PERRY OFFICE
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KAVANAGH HOUSES

KAVANAGH HOUSE ON 56TH ST.
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