



CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

18 years of age and older

ARTREACH PROGRAM – Inpatient Areas

Five afternoons a week, ArtReach volunteers help lead patients, siblings and families in creating an art or craft project in one of the CCMC inpatient playrooms. For patients who are unable to come to the playroom, ArtReach volunteers will deliver a package of materials to their room so they can participate on their own schedule.

CHILD LIFE:

Provide play activities to children and/or teens. These activities might include cuddling babies, arts and crafts, games, reading, and other play activities. Volunteers will also make rounds on patient floors to distribute items that are on our entertainment cart. When children are unable to physically go to a playroom, or activity center, the volunteer can provide activities at the bedside in the patient's room.

PET THERAPY:

Connecticut Children's Medical Center uses trained volunteers and their own adult dogs to visit with consenting patients on patient care units and waiting areas in the Medical Center. Please note that any dog accepted into the Pet Therapy Program, must have current certification in a program specifically geared towards therapy dogs. Additionally, we accept no dog under the age of two years, and/or under 25 pounds.

SURGICAL LOUNGE:

Provide a warm, supportive, empathetic environment to the families of children undergoing surgery. Must be extremely mature and able to provide support to family members who are experiencing stress. Serve as a liaison between parents and the medical staff. Volunteer hours are broken into two shifts 7:30am – 11:30am and 11:30am – 2:30pm.

16 years of age and older

DAY CARE (CCMC Campus):

Provide child care and play activities to well children at our employee daycare on the CCMC campus. The "Almost Big Day Care" has 3 areas: "The Baby Room" (3-18 months), "The Toddler Room" (18 months – approximately 3 years), "Preschool" (3-5 years). Volunteers are needed: Monday – Friday 9:00 – 12:00 or 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT:

Provide clerical assistance to the office staff in the Emergency Department. Duties might include photocopying, filing, courier to mailroom or other clinical areas in the hospital for delivery of materials, intermittent support of children being seen in area (i.e., reading a story, playing a game, etc.)

14 years of age and older

(Monday through Friday 9:00am-4:30pm only)

CLERICAL SUPPORT:

Volunteers are placed in offices throughout the Medical Center, offering support to the staff by running errands, photocopying information, filing, assembling mailings, and any other clerical type function.

ARTREACH PROGRAM – Outpatient Areas

The outpatient art/craft activity provides a 10-15 minute positive creative experience at CCMC for outpatients and their families. Volunteers are responsible for planning and overseeing the projects in cooperation with the Arts Program Coordinator.

REACH OUT AND READ:

Stationed in the outpatient care center waiting areas, these volunteers read stories with children. Books in both English and Spanish are available through Volunteer Services and the Primary Care Center.