

Benefits of Volunteering

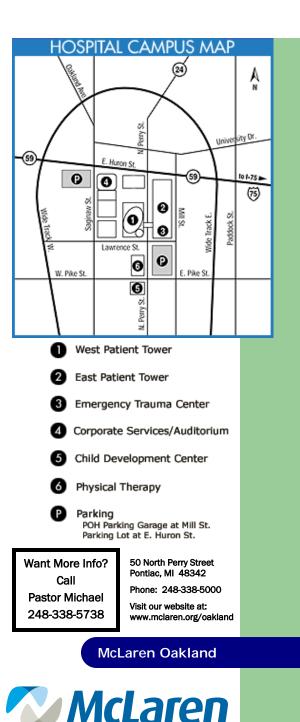
Volunteers enhance our daily lives and the lives of our patients. They are vital and valued at McLaren Oakland.

Volunteers Enjoy:

- Making a difference in someone's day
- Flexible Scheduling
- Variety of Assignments
- Helping People
- Camaraderie
- Develop / enhance new skills

Volunteers Receive:

- Free Parking
- Free meals during a 4-hour duty
- Free television and telephone during inpatient stays
- Discount on out-of-pocket expenses during inpatient stays



OAKLAND

Spiritual Care Volunteer Opportunities

Consider Becoming a Spiritual Care Volunteer at McLaren Oakland.



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Spiritual Care: 248-338-5738

Why McLaren Oakland Believes in the Importance of Spiritual Care

At McLaren Oakland, we believe that to treat the "whole person" we must attend to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the patient.

These emotions may include fear, grief, joy, anxiety, loneliness, depression, etc. As much as they try, hospital staff typically focuses on the physical condition and act to improve the physical health status of the patient.



The role of the Spiritual Care Volunteer is to provide that often lacking link of emotional and spiritual health of our patients. Emotional needs universal to all humans include the spiritual concepts of hope and meaning.



There are four positions available for Spiritual Care Volunteers. They include:

Ministers of Care Volunteers

Ministers of Care are volunteers that visit with patients to provide spiritual support, prayer, scripture reading and conversation. A hospital program orientation is provided; however, it is preferred that volunteers have received some training from their denominations, such as being an ordained minister or completion of Stephen's Ministry training.

Eucharistic Minister Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers are volunteers that provide communion and a blessing to patients. Sensitivity to all religion denominations is acknowledged. We strive to be able to provide communion to patients on a daily basis. Volunteers should be trained by their denominations as a Eucharistic

Minister.



"No One Dies Alone" Volunteers

"No One Dies Alone" Comfort Companions are volunteers that sit with patients while they are actively in the dying process. Their role is to ensure that no one is alone at death and that they would die with dignity and in comfort. Specialized training is available for interested volunteers.



<u>Clerical Volunteers</u>

Clerical Assistant Volunteers provide a variety of assistance within the Spiritual Care office. Telephone and computer skills are preferred. Activities include:

- Call patients to confirm religious preference
- Maintain Sacrament of the Sick database
- Restock religious materials in the chapel and on the patient floors
- Maintain volunteer logs & patient visit data

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- Please contact the Spiritual Care Department for more information about volunteer opportunities:
- Call 248-338-5738
- E-mail at michael.goddard@mclaren.org
- Visit www.mclaren.org/oakland