

Become a Volunteer

If you are a compassionate, caring person looking for ways to help others, you may be a great fit for the Volunteer Services team.

Applicants must do the following:

- Be available at least four hours a week for a minimum of six months
- Provide references, be interviewed, and attend orientation
- Sign a confidentiality agreement and pass a criminal background check
- Get a tuberculosis screening
- Take online HIPAA, Safety, and Infection Control training

Volunteers receive meal and parking privileges and are invited to an annual luncheon during National Volunteer Month.

Please note: Cancer survivors (or family members of cancer survivors) must be one year out of treatment before applying for a volunteer position.

For more information or to apply

- Call: 801-581-7169
- E-mail: volunteerservices@hci.utah.edu
- Visit: www.huntsmancancer.org/volunteer

You can make a difference in the lives of cancer patients and their loved ones!



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HUNTSMAN CANCER INSTITUTE

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*Lending Hands
Changing Lives*



Services Provided

Volunteers are a very important part of the Huntsman Cancer Institute team. Their friendly faces and generosity make an impact in the lives of patients and loved ones during a challenging time. Volunteers help in a variety of ways:

Chemotherapy Infusion Room

- Provide drinks, snacks, DVDs, blankets, and pillows to patients receiving treatments
- Assist nursing staff by stocking supply carts and kitchen areas

Information Desks

- Direct patients to clinic appointments
- Help family and visitors find patient rooms
- Deliver mail and flowers to hospital patients
- Bring movies to patients in the hospital

Patient Transport

- Drive a golf cart to carry patients to and from clinics
- Assist staff with projects

Snack Cart

- Bring drinks and snacks to patients as they wait for appointments
- Provide DVDs, books, music CDs, and games to patients staying in the hospital
- Check inventory and restock family kitchens, laundry rooms, and the business center

Surgery Waiting Room

- Update loved ones on patient status
- Supply family members with activities such as games, books, and snacks
- Assist staff and volunteer coordinator with projects

Special Projects

Some Huntsman Cancer Institute departments recruit and train volunteers to help in specific areas such as research labs, High Risk Clinics, and the Cancer Learning Center. Volunteer Services helps with the hiring process.

Future Programs

- *Music Therapy:* Sing or play an instrument throughout designated areas in the hospital
- *Pet Therapy:* Bring certified dogs to interact with patients and visitors in designated hospital areas

Other Ways to Help

Many individuals and groups from the community volunteer their time performing service projects, which typically involve making or donating items:

- Blankets and quilts
- Knit hats, summer hats, caps, and wigs
- Scarves and bandanas
- DVDs, music CDs, and books on CD
- Mastectomy pillows and heating pads
- Puzzles, magazines, and activity books

“HCI’s mission statement includes ‘to relieve the suffering of cancer patients,’ and I figured I could be of service in that respect by showing patients and caregivers that we really do care about them. I want to do whatever is in my power as a volunteer.”

– Barbara Fricke
Cancer Survivor and
HCI Volunteer since 2000



“The greatest gift volunteering has given me is the satisfaction of knowing that I have, in some way or another, helped a cancer patient and his or her family during their time of suffering by offering solace, empathy, and faith to overcome their hurdles. I am fondly referred to as ‘the food cart guy!’”

– Sami, Age 18, Snack Cart Volunteer

“I truly enjoy interacting with the families in the Surgery Waiting Area. As a cancer survivor, I know how stressful cancer can be. I try to be understanding of each patient and family member, knowing that people react differently to their situations. For me, it is a pleasure being able to offer assistance during very stressful times.”

– Beth, Age 46, Surgery Waiting Room Volunteer

“Everyday I volunteer I come into contact with amazing individuals that really inspire me to be stronger and enjoy every day as they do. I’ve seen more people smiling at Huntsman Cancer Institute than any other hospital I’ve been to, and that says a lot about the patients and the staff. I wish I had more time to volunteer as it has been extremely rewarding.”

– Scott, Age 27, Patient Transport Volunteer

