Volunteers at Lutheran Medical Center

Experience the many volunteer opportunities at Lutheran Medical Center. Our goal is to match up our volunteers with opportunities that suit them best.

Areas where you can volunteer:

**In-Hospital opportunities**

The vast majority of the volunteers at Lutheran Medical Center are providing services within the main hospital complex. The service areas available vary widely. There are positions that involve patient contact for those who wish to help in such a manner.

We also have positions where volunteers work directly with staff members. For those who have an interest in retail positions, volunteers staff and operate the Hospital Gift Shop.

Some of the In-Hospital service areas are as follows:

- Surgery Waiting Reception
- Gift Shop
- Family Birth Center
- Lobby Musicians
- Pet Therapy
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Mail Room
- Heart Center
- Infusion Center
- Library Cart
- Clerical Support
- Recovery
- Emergency Department Care Assistants
- Breast Care Center
- Mended Hearts Program
- Parking Lot Shuttle

Note: not all service areas may be available for placement.

**Colorado Lutheran Home**

Volunteers may ask to be placed at Colorado Lutheran Home. Here volunteers can closely interact with the staff and residents. The work may include calling bingo, leading a sing along, reading to a resident, giving manicures, light clerical work, assisting in the dining room, providing a simple visit to a resident or other opportunities.

Colorado Lutheran Home is located off campus at 7991 W. 71st Avenue in Arvada.
Hospice

There are many ways you can share your time and talents with the patients and families of Lutheran Hospice.

- Be a friendly visitor by providing companionship or emotional support to patients in their own homes or nursing facilities. Visits may include reading, writing letters, preparing lunch or providing respite for caregivers.
- Provide support to patients and families and assist the professional staff on our inpatient hospice unit.
- Work at the Collier Hospice Center greeter desk welcoming family members and visitors and providing information and assistance.
- Bereavement volunteers follow up with family members who have lost a loved one by making phone calls and offering support.

Families have shared their appreciation for Lutheran Hospice, "I have never seen such loving and compassionate people in my life as the hospice team and volunteers. I thank you so much for the care and respect shown to my husband."

For more information about Lutheran Hospice [Location ID, 3.77], please contact Rose Kauffman, Lutheran Hospice Volunteer Coordinator 303.403.7274

Pet therapy

The Lutheran Medical Center Pet Therapy Program started in 1989, one of the first pet therapy programs in the state of Colorado. Over the years, our program has grown; our volunteer teams visit Lutheran Medical Center, Collier Hospice Center and Colorado Lutheran Home.

In the decades since the first dog walked the halls, we’ve helped bring smiles to thousands of patients, visitors and staff. Currently, the pet therapy program has 40 members and 40 dogs.

The "dog squad" consists of dogs of all sizes, breeds and ages, ranging from 2 to 15 years old, purebreds to mutts, 170-pound Great Danes to 4-pound Yorkshire Terriers.

LMC Pet Therapy Program has helped pet therapy programs get started at other hospitals, such as The VA Hospital in Denver and Porter Adventist Hospital, as well as hospitals throughout the United States.