

Volunteer Highlights of 2023

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands - one for helping yourself, the other for helping others."
Audrey Hepburn

On Aug. 5, 2023 at Marshfield Medical Center-Beaver Dam we took time and celebrated the service that volunteers provide. On behalf of MMC-BD staff I want to express our gratitude for the service provided by every volunteer in 2023. Many of us are familiar with the story of the Good Samaritan who went out of his way regardless of the obstacles to help a fellow man in need. I feel the Good Samaritan spirit as I watch volunteers show up daily with the commitment to serve by making a difference with their time. You may not always hear a "thank you" when you volunteer but you know the reward that comes with the act of giving and caring that allows you to know that you are leaving this world in a better place from which you found it. Thank you for volunteering!

Volunteerism is one of the most selfless actions that we can take to assist others in need and build the community in which we live. Although volunteerism focuses around helping others, the action also provides benefits to the participant. Volunteerism has been shown to improve confidence, reduce depression, provide new skills, and increase socialization for those who commit their time. Volunteerism is truly an action that pays dividends and provides benefits to all involved.

Over this past year volunteers have been busy providing service to many areas of need. Volunteering increases social interaction and helps build a support system based on common interests. One of the best ways to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships is to participate in a shared activity. Volunteers at MMC-BD have a variety of backgrounds but share a desire to care for the health and welfare of people in their communities. They are men, women, retirees, teenagers and students who make a difference everyday by serving others. If you have an interest in volunteering and joining a caring team, take time to contact Volunteer Services at 920-887-5988 or email moritz.daniel@marshfieldclinic.org.

Meals on Wheels



This past August the MOW board hosted an appreciation event to celebrate 50 years of meal service. With over 15,000 meals served in 2023, this program continues to meet the food needs of many.

Volunteer Projects



Thank you to the many volunteers who take time to assist with projects daily. Their help is appreciated by the departments they assist. Opportunities are always available to volunteer on projects.

Christmas on the Corner



Volunteers opened a pop-up Christmas on the Corner next to the gift shop this past November through December. Great gifts for the holiday season were available Monday—Friday.

Hooks and Needles

Thank you to every Hooks and Needles volunteer who takes time to make baby hats, baby blankets, lap robes and shawls for our newborns, patients and residents. Every quarter they complete and deliver many special items. Their last donation for the Christmas Season included 41 baby hats and blankets, 5 lap robes and 5 shawls. Thank you for your continued generosity. Your work is much appreciated!



New Volunteers

New volunteers play a key role toward sustaining excellence in Volunteer Services. Take time to welcome Hailey Deakin and Hannah Grimes. If you or someone you know is interested in joining a caring team please take time to contact Volunteer Services at 920-887-5988.



Hailey Deakin
Information Desk
Volunteer



Hannah Grimes
Clerical Education
Volunteer

Giving Tree

This holiday season our staff of MMC– BD provided gifts to requests that were found on the Giving Tree in the Café. These gifts were wrapped by our volunteer team and then given to residents of Hillside Manor and CBRFs. Thank you to staff and volunteers for making this holiday season special to many.



Cookie Sales Are Back

Baked cookies are coming back. If you are interested in learning more about joining the cookie team please contact Volunteer Services.



Winter Weather Reminder

- ❄ When weather makes driving or walking hazardous and if coming in to volunteer is dangerous for you, please call and let us know you won't be in.
- ❄ If you are already here volunteering and the weather takes a turn for the worse, you can leave early.
- ❄ We want you to be safe and feel safe at all times.

Volunteer Opportunities

MMC-BD is looking for new volunteers who want to become part of a caring team. Listed below are volunteer opportunities available during the week. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please contact Volunteer Services at moritz.daniel@marshfieldclinic.org or call 920-887-5988.



Dan Moritz
Volunteer Services
Manager

Gift Shop: Primary responsibilities

include friendly and welcoming customer service with use of phone and cash register. Gift shop is open Monday through Friday with morning and afternoon shifts available. Volunteers will serve in teams of two for each shift to provide an excellent shopping experience to patients, visitors and staff.

Information Desks: Primary responsibilities include

being friendly and welcoming, showing courtesy and respect for a vast array of patients and visitors, greeting and interacting with patients and visitors, providing direction, walking and pushing wheelchairs. Morning and afternoon shifts are available.

Volunteer information desks are located in the hospital's main lobby and 2nd floor waiting area.

Hospice: Primary responsibilities include

spending 2-4 hours a week with patient and family in their final moments of life. Hospice volunteers are key to the success of the Hospice team. They may choose to volunteer directly with patients and families or to provide support to the operations of Hillside Hospice. To learn more, contact Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at 920-887-4185.

Hillside Manor, Eagle's Wings and Remembrance Home: Primary responsibilities include

reading to residents (devotionals, daily newspaper, trivia, books), bingo and playing cards. Activity staff will work with you to facilitate events and activities throughout the week/weekend with times during the day and evening.

Hillside Manor Beauty Salon: Primary responsibilities include

transporting residents from room to beauty salon and assisting staff to provide residents with shampooing and hair styling.

Cycling Without Age: CWA Pilots will give older adults and adults with differing abilities the opportunity and excitement of being outdoors in the fresh air on a trishaw. All MMC-BD trishaw pilots must complete a CWA orientation/training session presented by Wisconsin Bicycle Federation.