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comfortable during their time on-site.

For volunteers with certified therapy dogs, you may interact with patients through our Caring Canines program. Or you may simply provide companionship, which can be just as valuable to our patients.

As a volunteer, you embody the culture of caring at MSK.

> “The capacity to care is an instinctive human trait. Volunteering at MSK lets me live this way.”
>
> volunteer

Life as a Volunteer

Our volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds and contribute their special talents and energy for many different reasons. Some are high school students fulfilling service requirements. Others are adults wishing to give back to the community. Each is committed to providing a welcoming and caring environment for patients, families, and visitors.

For most, volunteering is a powerful experience, and the responsibility of serving MSK’s special patients is an honor. Many volunteers have pursued careers in health and medicine as a result of the time they spent at MSK.

We encourage our volunteers to participate in special events such as the annual Education Series for Volunteers, in which MSK scientists and staff discuss hospital and research activities. We’re also proud to recognize our volunteers’ contributions and commitment with our Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, an event featuring guest speakers and outstanding volunteer speakers along with a formal awards ceremony, in which MSK staff extend personal thanks and recognition to the volunteers serving in their areas.

Becoming a Volunteer

VIDEO |

Volunteer Pre-Orientation

Please watch before submitting a volunteer application.

Video Details →

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer at MSK, we invite you to fill out our online application. We recommend that you take a look at our FAQ page for more information about requirements, guidelines, and expectations for our volunteers before you apply.

If your application meets our current needs, we'll contact you to set up an interview, during which we'll discuss current openings and ask you more about yourself and your reasons for volunteering. This exchange is critical to understanding how we can best fit your interests with our needs.

Accepted applicants are provided with a service description outlining responsibilities, hours, and other information as well as clarification of the standards we expect people to uphold as MSK volunteers.

Online Volunteer Application

Interested in becoming a volunteer at MSK? We invite you to fill out our online application after reviewing the Pre-Orientation video above.

Apply now

Special Considerations

If you would like to volunteer at MSK but are caring for someone with a serious illness or are yourself unwell, you may want to consider waiting for another time to commit to us. The same is true if you have experienced the death of a loved one in the past year. However, we truly appreciate your wanting to help our patients, and we hope that you'll consider volunteering in the future.

> "The consistent, enthusiastic presence of our volunteers has become an invaluable resource, bridging the social gap for patients and their families while providing companionship and a welcome respite during a lengthy, complicated inpatient admission."
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> nursing staff on M8

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