



Pet



Music

## COMPLEMENTARY Therapies

Aromatherapy  
& Hand Massage

Reiki



With deep compassion  
and skill, we care  
for people living  
with serious illness,  
those who are dying  
and all who  
care for them.

### CONTACT US

For more information about the  
volunteer opportunities available at  
Hope Hospice & Palliative Care of Rhode  
Island, please contact the volunteer  
department at (401) 415-4200.

In accordance with the National Association  
of Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's  
recommendation, Hope Hospice & Palliative  
Care of Rhode Island asks that volunteers  
who have experienced a significant loss wait  
one year before becoming a hospice volunteer.

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Accreditation Program (CHAP), licensed by the Rhode Island Department of  
Health and certified by Medicare and Medicaid.

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## BEING A VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are an integral part of the work Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island does in bringing comfort and support to people nearing the end of life and to their families.

Our caring volunteers come from all walks of life and have many different interests and talents. They are special people who share the common bond of making a difference in the quality of others' lives through direct patient care, grief support to bereaved families, community outreach, special events, fundraising, office support and complementary therapies.

The work we do helps thousands of Rhode Island families every year as they cope with end-of-life issues. The contributions of our volunteers are immeasurable.

By being a hospice volunteer, you can gain great personal satisfaction from knowing you have made an impact in another person's life. Many volunteers feel honored to have the opportunity to be present with an individual at such a poignant and vulnerable time. More than 300 volunteers currently share their time and talents in meaningful ways at Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island. What they have in common is their desire to help people in end-of-life care.

At Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island, you decide which volunteer role is the best match for your talents, skills and availability. We provide specialized training for whatever role you choose to be sure you are comfortable with your responsibilities before you begin. In addition, we are readily available to address volunteers' questions and concerns any time.

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## PATIENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Volunteers provide critical support to patients and families. Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island volunteers visit patients in their homes, nursing homes, hospitals and the Philip Hulitar Hospice Center. In this role, volunteers may:

- Read to, play cards with or just talk with a patient
- Provide transportation
- Shop or do errands
- Give the family time to rest and relax
- Call or visit grieving family members
- Pray with patients and family members
- Provide comfort during a vigil as a patient nears death



## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Volunteers who choose to assist Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island with its work in the community may:

- Work on special events
- Join our fundraising team
- Provide information about hospice at health fairs
- Work with the speakers' bureau

## ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island volunteers also help with administrative functions such as:

- Typing and filing
- Preparing mailings
- Photocopying
- Answering the telephone

## COMPLEMENTARY THERAPY PROVIDERS

Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island's comprehensive array of services include complementary therapies provided by volunteers certified in the following:

- Pet Therapy
- Aromatherapy
- Reiki Therapy
- Hand Massage
- Music Therapy

## GRIEF OR SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

Volunteers who choose to provide grief or spiritual support at Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island may:

- Call or visit bereaved families to offer emotional support
- Pray with patients
- Deliver Holy Communion
- Participate in vigils at the end of life

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