

## **North Carolina Cancer Hospital Volunteer Opportunities**

Listed below are some of the opportunities for volunteers to provide both patient and staff support in the North Carolina Cancer Hospital opening August 17, 2009. Since most of the cancer treatments are done on an outpatient basis, the hours for volunteers will be from 8:00AM-5:00PM Monday through Friday.

Many of these opportunities will allow volunteers who can not make a weekly commitment to volunteer as little as once a month.

### **Greeters/Escort**

- Provide patients with a personal escort to their destination in both adult and pediatric clinics.
  - Volunteers will meet patients at the main entrance and radiation oncology
  - escort patients to the registration desk or their clinic destination
  - Volunteers will provide light conversation to help ease the stress of the patient and their family (i.e. telling them about the new hospital, answer questions, talk about current events, UNC sports, etc.)

### **Adult Clinic Volunteers**

- Greet patients upon arrival at the clinic, especially infusion
- Volunteers will check on patients waiting in exam rooms to see if they need a beverage, reading material
- Run errands to other departments
- Escort patients to other treatment areas

### **Pediatric Clinic Volunteers**

- Greeters and escorts in reception and waiting area
- Runners to other hospital departments
- Escort patients to radiation oncology or infusion
- Provide support for parents

### **Pet Therapy**

- Provide pet therapy in both adult and pediatric outpatient clinics and adult inpatient units with certified dogs and volunteer trainers

### **Tea Program**

- Provide tea and other beverages to inpatient units, infusion, and the pediatric oncology clinic

### **Resource Center Volunteers**

- Volunteers are needed in the resource center to help patients and family members find information for their illness using the books and pamphlets available, recommended websites, information about support groups and other activities
- Volunteers are also needed to help in this area with some office work and special events

### **Art Cart**

- Volunteers will provide art supplies for patients to work on during both adult and pediatric clinic visits especially infusion.
- The volunteer will also provide art projects for siblings to work on in the waiting room.

### **Library Cart**

- Library volunteers will bring the Library cart to infusion for patients to select a book to read.
- The Library cart will also provide magazines for waiting areas.

### **Story Time**

- Volunteers will read stories to patients and siblings in the waiting room as well as in the pediatric infusion clinic
- The volunteers will encourage the participants to draw a picture of the something from the story

### **Butterfly Boutique (Volunteer Association Gift Shop)**

- Help patients and visitors find the perfect gift or snack in the gift shop
- Help with stocking
- Run errands including deliveries to patients

### **Office Helpers**

- Volunteers will provide support for various office needs in the Cancer Hospital including but not limited to the multidisciplinary clinic, patient education and the volunteer department

### **Sewing Projects**

If you are looking for a way to help without coming into the hospital, these programs are for you. They can be done alone or in groups.

### **Heartfelt Hats**

- Volunteers will make attractive soft hats to be given to the patients during their chemotherapy treatment. (Fabric and patterns are provided)

### **Lap Throws**

- Many of our patients both adult and pediatric benefit from lap throws since they can get very cold during treatment
- These throws are also good for comfort

### **Look Good Feel Better\***

- Enhance this American Cancer Society program by providing volunteers to help the patients during the sessions