T. Hospice Companion, Texas Home Health Hospice

Organization Description: Texas Home Health Hospice's mission is to provide the best of quality end-of-life palliative/comfort care possible for our patients, through a team of disciplines including medical, social, spiritual and volunteer involvement.

Volunteer Duties: Volunteer duties may include visiting a patient in his/her home or nursing home, providing companionship to lonely and sometimes scared patients. Sometimes the patient likes to play a game of cards, or be read to. Sometimes duties include respite, which involves sitting with a patient while the full-time caregiver runs his/her own errands, etc. Other times we head-up activities at nursing homes, such as calling BINGO, painting nails, or helping at socials. We sometimes need to fulfill one-time requests, such as cutting/fixing a patient's hair, or doing minor home repairs.

Volunteer Requirements: For long-term volunteerism, individuals must be 18 years of age or older and complete a 2.5 - 3 hour orientation, which includes a background check and TB test (at TXHHH's expense).

For short-term/one-time volunteers, individuals must be 18 years of age or older, and sign form of confidentiality.

Training Provided: All training is provided, no prior experience is necessary.

Time Commitment: A volunteer has his/her own particular patient(s), and usually visits an hour or so a week, or whatever schedule is agreed upon by volunteer and patient. They work together.

Group Volunteering: Must be 18 years of age, sign form of confidentiality, and this usually includes doing yard work, or minor home repairs, which patients can no longer do for themselves.

Recommended For: Anyone with a compassionate heart and cheerful smile to share with one who is in the last stage of life.

Benefits: Knowing you've made a difference in the life of someone who needs, or would like a friend, someone to care. With this comes a warm heart, and feeling of self-worth.

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