

2013 Best Place to Work Needs Volunteers

By Ellen Currie, Eagle Reporter



Volunteers of all ages and experience are needed Heart 'N Home

Heart 'N Home, formerly Newberry Hospice, was recognized in 2013 by Modern Healthcare Magazine as one of the "Top 100 Best Places to Work". Heart 'N Home provides hospice and palliative care to patients who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness. The focus of end-of-life care is to affirm the patient's life by providing comfort, support and relief from pain for the patient and family. Funding through Medicare, Medicaid, private insurances, and other social service groups, provides professional staff: physicians, nurses, certified nurse assistants, social workers, and a spiritual advisor, as part of every patient care team.

However, providing this essential service requires a diverse and dedicated group of volunteers. For example, volunteers from the La Pine Heart 'N Home office, located at 51681 Huntington Rd., provide music/pet therapy; patient companionship; office/clerical help; transportation and deliv-

eries; reading and letter writing; and light house-keeping. The possibilities are endless. The focus is legendary customer service.

Volunteers come from all backgrounds, all age groups and genders. Jim Smith, the Executive Director, encourages volunteers to start with a task within their comfort level. You can try different tasks as you gain experience. Mary Ganiels, a 22 year veteran, says the most rewarding part of volunteering is the family appreciation. Jace Earls, the youngest volunteer (10 years old), helps in the office and with deliveries. Jace says he has a soft spot for "old people." Marilyn Garisto, the newest volunteer, will be taking volunteer training in the near future. Heart 'N Home wants you to have a successful volunteer experience.

If you need additional information or would like to volunteer, contact Heart 'N Home at 1-800-HOSPICE (800-467-7423) or www.goHOSPICE.com.



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