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VOLUNTEER VOICE

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TOP NEWS

- Welcome, Emmett Kiel!
- Welcome, Veronica Tyson!
- Volunteer Interest Opportunities

A NOTE FROM CHELSIE

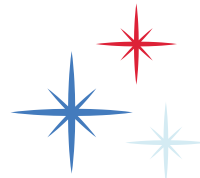
July is a season filled with celebrations, family gatherings, community events, and opportunities to enjoy the beauty of summer. As we reflect on the many blessings around us, we are especially thankful for the volunteers who generously share their time and talents with Orange City Area Health System. Your willingness to serve helps create meaningful experiences and brings comfort, encouragement, and joy to so many.

One of the greatest strengths of our volunteer program is the unique gifts each person brings. Whether you are greeting visitors, assisting at events, supporting residents, helping behind the scenes, or serving in another capacity, your contributions help strengthen our mission of providing exceptional care close to home. Together, you help create an environment where people feel welcomed, supported, and valued.

As we move through the heart of summer, we encourage you to take time to enjoy the season, connect with loved ones, and celebrate the impact you are making in the lives of others. Thank you for being an important part of our volunteer family and for helping us continue to serve our community with excellence and compassion.

"Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." -Hebrews 13:16

Thank you for the dedication, positivity, and servant spirit you bring to Orange City Area Health System. We are grateful for each of you and the difference you make every day.



-Chelsie

GIFT GARDEN TOP SELLERS FOR MAY:

Welcome!
 We are excited to welcome Emmett Kiel and Veronica Tyson to our volunteer family as new volunteers! We are so grateful for their willingness to share their time and talents with us. Welcome, Emmett & Veronica!

Apparel: 281 / \$8,522
 Food & Beverage: 1,314 / \$4,128
 Kids & Baby: 228 / \$3,231
 Miscellaneous: 116 / \$1,911

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND NEEDS!

The opportunities listed below include both current volunteer needs and ideas for future growth within our program. If any of these roles interest you, or if you've ever considered volunteering in a different area, trying something new, or adding an occasional shift to your current role, I would love to hear from you. Please let me know what catches your eye, what fits your schedule, or any additional ideas you may have as we continue growing our volunteer program together.

Some possibilities include:

- **Friday Front Desk Volunteer** at Landsmeer Ridge (1:00–4:00 p.m.) – assisting at the front desk and, if things are quiet, spending time visiting or having coffee with residents.
- **Golf Cart Driver for Landsmeer Ridge and Prairie Ridge** – helping transport residents during outings, activities, and special events using the golf carts.
- **Activities Volunteer (Monday–Friday, 1:00–4:00 p.m.)** – assisting with resident activities, games, events, socialization, and other opportunities to engage with residents.
- **Flower Delivery Volunteers** – delivering flowers to new moms and other patients throughout the health system, helping brighten someone's day with a simple act of kindness.
- **Comfort Cart Volunteers** – taking a hospitality cart throughout the hospital offering coffee, soda, cookies, snacks, and friendly conversation to patients, families, and visitors.
- **Saturday Morning Gift Garden Boutique Volunteers** – assisting customers and helping support our hospital gift shop.
 - **Patient Transport Volunteers** – helping escort patients and visitors throughout the health system.
- **Hospice Meal Delivery Volunteers** – delivering meals to hospice patients and families, providing both nourishment and a caring touch.
 - **Event Volunteers** – assisting with community events, Foundation activities, fundraisers, celebrations, and special programs throughout the year.
- **Gardening Opportunities** – helping care for flower beds, planters, and outdoor spaces around our campuses.
 - **"Sprouts" Youth Gardening Program** – a volunteer-led opportunity where children can learn about gardening, service, and caring for our campus grounds alongside volunteers.
- **Fishing** – take residents on local fishing trips to help create meaningful experiences.
- **Music Volunteer (Piano, Instrumental, or Singing)** – Share your music talents by playing the piano, singing, or leading informal music sessions for residents at PRCC and LR.

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OFF CAMPUS UPDATE

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HOSPICE:

Hospice In-Services Return This Fall

**No in-services in July or August.
See you in September!**

While we may not be gathering for formal education sessions over the summer, your presence and service continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

We look forward to reconnecting this fall and continuing to grow together as a hospice volunteer team.



LANDSMEER RIDGE:

Summer Music in the Park!

During the month of July, Landsmeer residents will be heading to the park by golf carts to enjoy the live music. Be sure to stop by and say hello! Our residents always enjoy seeing friendly faces! It's a wonderful opportunity for them to get out, connect, and enjoy all that our community has to offer.

PRAIRIE RIDGE:

We have several special events to look forward to in July at Prairie Ridge!

June 29-July 3 - Dress Up Week for Residents and Staff

July 8 - Orchestra Students

July 20 - Fellowship Singers

July 29 - July Birthday Party

Mid-July - Fishing Begins!

We are excited for these opportunities to gather together, celebrate, and connect throughout the month. Thank you to all who help make these moments so special for our residents!

Hospice Corner

A heartfelt thank you to Amber Theis for leading last month's in-service on Responding to Difficult Questions. Her presentation offered meaningful insight into how we can provide compassionate support, listen well, and respond with confidence when difficult conversations arise. Thank you, Amber!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS:

Alvin Nibbelink - 2	Dianne De Haan - 13	Laura Zomermaand - 22
Lester Gayer - 2	Theresa McCarty - 13	Bill Ver Steeg - 24
Nancy Landegent Vos - 3	Bev De Jager - 16	Jack Stander - 25
Jan Strouth - 7	Judy Schwarz- 17	
Brenda Van Roekel - 7	Bonnie De Jong - 19	
Lora Jeltema - 7	Gena Aalbers - 21	
Duane Feekes - 11	Rose Van Der Weide - 21	