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Make A Difference. Become A Hospice Volunteer

*Fall Training Scheduled for Community VNA Hospice Volunteer Program*

**Attleboro, MA** – Would you like an opportunity to help others and give back to your community? Have you ever thought about volunteering for Community VNA Hospice? Did you know that volunteers are the heart and soul of Hospice care? As a Hospice volunteer, you will be an integral member of our interdisciplinary team dedicated to benefiting patients and their families during a difficult time in their lives.

Hospice provides a continuum of services that address the physical, emotional, spiritual, caregiving, nutritional, safety and other needs for patients facing life-threatening illnesses and their families.

“Hospice is about patients driving their own plan of care with dignity, comfort, respect and peace,” says Colleen Swihart, Community VNA Hospice Care Manager. “Hospice volunteers make a difference in the lives of our patients and families through their generosity of time, spirit and support.”

Hospice volunteers help in many ways, including providing:

- companionship to patients through conversation, reading, letter writing, music appreciation, movie/TV watching, walking or sitting outside, as well as sharing hobbies
- helping patients and their families by running errands, doing light household chores and yard work, and even caring for pets
- offering respite to family caregivers, so they may take a break from their caregiving duties
- administrative support/light office/clerical work to various agency departments.
A comprehensive 20-hour orientation and training are provided and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 6th – 27th from 9:00 AM to Noon at Community VNA, 10 Emory Street, Attleboro, MA.

According to Carolyn Woodruff, Volunteer Coordinator for Community VNA, “This is an excellent opportunity to learn and give back to the community. Our volunteers share the same goals – making a difference in the life of another.”

For more information, or to register by August 16th for Community VNA’s fall volunteer training, contact Carolyn Woodruff, Volunteer Coordinator by calling 508.222.0118, ext. 1371, or email volunteer@communityvna.com

About Community VNA
Community VNA has been dedicated to enhancing health, wellness and quality of life for more than 100 years, providing a range of services, including: Home Health Care, Hospice Care, Palliative Care, Private Care, Adult Day Health Care, Alzheimer’s Assistance Program, as well as Lifeline Services and Annual Elder Dental Clinics.

Community VNA has been recognized as a 2017 HomeCare Elite Top 500 (ranked among the top 5% of home health care agencies nationwide). This recognition is based on publicly available performance measures in quality outcomes, best practice implementing patient experience, quality improvement and consistency, and financial performance.

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