

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why should I volunteer?

Giving of your time, talents or personality is invaluable. Volunteering reduces stress, increases energy, improves health and boosts self esteem.

Who can volunteer?

Men, women and students ages 14 and older.

What is GIVS?

GIVS stands for Grand Itasca Volunteer Services.

How much time do I need to volunteer?

Most opportunities are weekdays, once a week for 3 to 4 hours a shift. And a commitment of 3 months of service is requested.

We also have opportunities to volunteer casually as a substitute or just for a particular time of year.

Starting to volunteer is as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Fill out an application.
2. Have an interview with the Volunteer Coordinator.
3. Go through hospital orientation and train with other volunteers.

A Brief History

1955 - Red Cross Grey Ladies organize

1956 - Itasca Memorial Hospital Auxiliary begin.

1983 - Scholarship program is now totaling more than \$130,000

1990 - Red Cross Grey Ladies merge with Auxiliary

2007 - Auxiliary change name to Grand Itasca Volunteer Services.

GIVS Gives Back

Recent proceeds from Gift Shop and Coffee Bar generate funds for:

- 5 - \$1500 scholarships for students in health care related fields.
- TV's for every patient room
- Family paging system for day surgery.
- Wii game systems for in-patient and out-patient rehab.
- And much, much, more!



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Grand Itasca Volunteer Services

Providing dedicated volunteer service to patients, visitors and staff.

Volunteer Services Application

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Birthdate: _____

Please list two references:

list references other than family members

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Volunteer Service Areas

please check all areas of interest and times

- Coffee Bar
 - 7:30-11
 - 11-2
 - 2-5
- Gift Shop
 - 9:00-12
 - 12-3
 - 3-5:30
- Information Desk
 - 8:30-12:30
 - 12:30-5
- Administration Desk

- Surgical Reception Desk
 - 7:30-11
 - 12
- Student
- Volunteer Services Board

What day of the week do you prefer to volunteer?

- Mon
- Tues
- Wed
- Thurs
- Fri

How often would you prefer to volunteer?

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Casually
- Substitute

Please list volunteer activities or other organizations in which you are involved:

Hobbies, skills, or special talents:

Why do you want to become a volunteer?

Please describe your work experience, if any.

I will make every effort to fulfill my commitment to the volunteer program. I understand that all information I may obtain directly or indirectly concerning hospital patients, employees, or physicians is strictly confidential.

Volunteer Signature

Return Completed application to :

**Grand Itasca Volunteer Coordinator
1601 Golf Course Road
Grand Rapids, MN 55744**

**If you have questions, please contact
Grand Itasca Volunteer Services:**

218-999-1454