



# Aurora House Foundation

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## VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Aurora House volunteers serve in many capacities. If you are interested in serving, please complete this application and return to Aurora House. Please print clearly.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Languages spoken: \_\_\_\_\_ Religious Affiliation (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Age (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark the times you are available. Volunteers will not work later than 8:00 p.m. (Not to exceed 4 hours per day.)

DAY	Morning 8 a.m. - noon	Afternoon Noon - 4 p.m.	Evening 4 - 8 p.m.
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

May we call you whenever you are needed? \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation and Educational Background: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous volunteer experiences: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Aurora House?

Is there any particular volunteer job you are interested in? \_\_\_\_\_

Use the back of this sheet to tell us about yourself and why you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

Consider the following in your reply.

- Your personal feelings with serious illnesses, with grief and your feelings and their effect on you
- Your feelings about cancer, AIDS, and stroke, and their effects on your life
- The kinds of persons you anticipate difficulty with and why
- The sources of emotional support in your life
- Your concerns, if any, about the possible transmission of infectious illnesses.
- Any particular skills you would like to tell us about

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## **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER**

### **Area of interest / Job Description / Agreement**

At Aurora House, we realize that each of us has different God-given talents. We would like you to use those talents to assist Aurora House fulfill its mission in the ways that you feel most comfortable.

Please indicate which of the following is most appealing to you

*These are just some of the areas that you can assist.*

#### **Bedside Patient Care**

- Respond to resident bell summons (for water, tea, coffee, light-duty requests).
- Assist with feeding patients as needed.
- Provide hospitality to family and friends of resident.

#### **Housekeeping**

- Provide services to the house in area of expertise including: Kitchen, Yard work, Cleaning, Gardening, Laundry, or Light Maintenance.

#### **Clerical / Administrative**

#### **Public Relations / Fundraising / Special Projects**

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

All volunteers are expected to:

- Provide a loving, supportive, concerned presence to residents, visitors and other volunteers.
- Follow Aurora House policies, including Confidentiality Policy, Security, Infection Control, and Emergency Procedures.
- Attend an hour Volunteer Training if possible prior to volunteering.

**I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE, AS APPLICABLE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## ***Aurora House Volunteers are a Blessing!***

You are a Blessing! Resident's needs are always top priority:

Answer call bells- If you have questions, ask the staff / caregivers.  
Help with the feeding of the residents and/or help in the kitchen.  
Wash, dry, fold and store laundry.  
Clean the kitchen.  
Check the bathrooms and clean as needed.  
Empty and reline trash containers.  
Mop the floors  
Vacuum carpeted areas.  
Clean ceiling fans, windows and glass doors.  
Water indoor plants.

Being with residents and family members can be a blessing to them and to you.

Suggestions:

Get someone a cup of tea / coffee.  
Read aloud to a resident.  
Sing or hum.  
Invite people to play a game.  
Take a resident outside.  
Talk, and especially LISTEN to residents and family members.  
Sit by a resident....BEING THERE IS IMPORTANT.

If the house is quiet but you're feeling like you just have to do something, you can still be a Blessing:

Fold plastic bags for trash containers.  
Straighten up and clean linen storage rooms, kitchen cupboards, bookcases, etc.  
Sort magazines; keep a variety- about 20. The rest can be recycled.  
Look for things to clean- ceiling fans, oven, refrigerator, deck, etc.  
Help with the baking cookies, cake, and/or make pudding or Jell-O.  
Sweep outdoor patio.  
Look for ways to use your unique gifts.  
Do garden / yard work, as you are able.  
Water plants outdoors.

Reflect about Aurora House:

What are you learning about yourself, others and God?

Thank you for been a BLESSING TO US here at AURORA HOUSE