

Benefits of Volunteering

- *Making a difference in the community*
- *Assisting those in need*
- *Gaining experience to prepare for a future career*
- *Enhance your academic track*
- *Supervised educational activity*
- *Create lasting friendships*



A Planetree Affiliate

Teen Volunteer Program



BE A VOLUNTEER!

We look forward to your participation in the Teen Volunteer Program!

T. J. Samson Community Hospital

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Experience the healthcare environment; Join the T. J. Teen Volunteer Team!

Teen Volunteer Program

The Planetree Department organized a Teen Volunteer Program in 2005. Since the induction of the program, many teens from multi-schools systems and home school programs have participated. Many who have participated in the program have returned year after year.

Teens engage in healthcare volunteerism for 6-weeks beginning in June of each year. We begin accepting applications for this program in April of each year. Guidance counselors at area schools are also notified each year.

The Teen Volunteer program is a wonderful opportunity for students interested in healthcare careers. Healthcare is an exciting field with a wide variety of career opportunities. No matter what your interest or abilities are, there is an opportunity for everyone to help. Volunteering helps build character, increases self confidence and establishes a good work ethic.



Who can be a Teen Volunteer ?

Students must be 14-17 years of age and able to perform assigned duties and tasks. After the initial interview, work schedules are created. We work with each teen and guardian to create a volunteer schedule that meets the needs of every teen.

What are the Requirements to Participate?

All applicants must complete the following (*provided by T.J. Samson*):

- Application for the teen program
- Interview Process
- TB Skin Test (*provided by T.J. Samson*)
- Drug Screen (*provided by T.J. Samson*)
- Background Check (*provided by T. J. Samson*)
- Orientation

In addition to the above, the following is also required:

- Immunization History
- Two forms of identification (*i.e. social security card, birth certification, passport, etc*)
- Picture ID

Volunteering Areas

Nursing Units: Assist with daily tasks filing, deliveries, stocking, etc

Offices: Filing, organizing, mailings, phone calls, etc

Grounds: Assist with the beautification of the property

Laboratory: Opportunity to observe the daily functions of a lab

Rehab: Assist the Rehab team as they work in an inpatient and outpatient setting

Patient Access: Transport, filing, escorting, etc

Satellite areas: physician offices, clinics, educational centers

Volunteer locations are available on an as needed basis. Every opportunity is made for teens to participate in their area of interest. If a teen has multiple interests, a rotational schedule can be created for an optimal volunteer experience.

