Volunteer opportunities at Sioux Falls VA Medical Center

Must be certified as a Regularly Scheduled Volunteer for the following volunteer opportunities:

**Bingo Assistant** - assist in Bingo setup, escorting Veterans to and from bingo, help Veterans play their cards as needed, serve refreshments and call Bingo numbers. Available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month from 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Chaplain Service Volunteer** – assist in transporting Veterans in wheelchairs to and from the Chapel for Sunday Services. Available Sundays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Community Living Center (CLC) Volunteer** - assist in passing water and snacks, help with stocking supplies, assist with pushing Veterans in wheelchairs to and from the dining room and play games or provide companionship to Veterans. Openings Monday-Friday, mornings and afternoons.

**Craft Kit Volunteer** - distribute craft kits to Veterans and assist them with completion. Available Thursdays and Fridays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and Thursdays and Fridays from 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Driver Volunteer for Adaptive Sports and Recreation Events** - pick up Veterans for activities and provide transportation to and from the activity and drop Veterans off after the activity (mainly Thursdays).

**Game Assistant** - assist in setting up games, escorting Veterans to/from games, play cards with Veterans. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 2:00 p.m-3:30 p.m.

**Kiosk Volunteer** - greet and guide Veterans to check in using kiosks. Opportunities available Monday-Friday mornings and afternoons at the kiosk in the front lobby or radiology.

**Patient Escort Volunteer** - transport wheelchair patients to clinic appointments and deliver items between services within the medical center. Positions available between 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. It involves a lot of walking and pushing of wheelchairs and carts.

**Patient Survey/Visitation Volunteer** - assist Veterans by reading the patient surveys or writing down Veteran answers on the survey. Visit inpatients on the CLC wards who get few visitors, read the paper, play table games, watch TV with them. Available afternoons, evenings and weekends.

**Patriot Café Volunteer** - wipe down tables in the cafeteria, stock condiments, assist in getting customer trays to the tables. Opportunities available Monday-Friday mornings.

**Piano Volunteer** - play the piano for Sunday morning services for Veterans. Available Sundays from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

**Red Coat Ambassador** - provide a standard first impression to Veterans, caregivers and families. Consists of greeting, providing information and directions. Escort Veterans in wheelchairs and other individuals to their destinations. Assist Veterans with the kiosks. Assist in keeping the front desk and waiting room areas clean. This position involves walking longer distances and pushing wheelchairs. Weekend openings!
**Snoezelen Cart Volunteer**-transport the cart to rooms of patients who are interested in relaxing sounds and sights. Some training is required. Opportunities Mondays-Fridays, mornings and afternoons.

**Volunteer driver**-transport Veterans to community-based outpatient clinics or to the medical center for medical appointments.

**Occasional Volunteer opportunities:** (certification not necessary)

**Last Roll Call Service of Remembrance Volunteer**- making coffee, setting up the food table and serving refreshments. This takes place quarterly for about two hours.

For more information, call 605-333-6851 or e-mail VHASUXVoluntary@va.gov or call 605-333-6806 or e-mail raymond.vail@va.gov. Many positions have additional duties that can be discussed during interviews.

Individuals accepted into the Voluntary Services program as a regularly scheduled volunteer must pass fingerprinting, a background check, have current TB test and flu shot on file, and attend New Volunteer Orientation prior to beginning volunteer status.

Individuals interested in volunteer driver programs, in addition to the above, must pass background checks on driving record and have a physical examination performed at this facility.