

Together, Our Volunteers Make a Difference Every Day

Welcome to the very first edition of The Care Team company wide Volunteer Program Newsletter!

Across Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania, our volunteers play an invaluable role in supporting patients and families during some of life's most meaningful moments.

Whether offering companionship, sharing conversation, making phone calls, sending cards, each volunteer helps bring comfort, dignity and connection to those we serve.

This quarterly newsletter was created to celebrate the incredible impact of our volunteer community, share stories from across our service areas, recognize achievements and keep everyone connected.

As we launch our first edition, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to every volunteer who chooses to share their time, talents, and hearts with our patients and families. Together we are building a stronger volunteer community and continuing The Care Team's promise to be there with compassion, comfort, and support when it matters most.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

We are excited to spotlight a volunteer from each state!
Please take a moment to read about a handful of our
amazing volunteers!

MICHIGAN

Rev. John Santeramo



Since joining our volunteer team in May 2025, Rev. John has provided compassionate companionship and spiritual support to seven patients.

As a retired priest, he has been a comforting presence through regular visits and has also offered last rites and pastoral care to patients in their final days. His service brings peace and comfort to both patients and their families.

ILLINOIS

Ben Breithrapt



Ben is a ISU student majoring in majoring in music therapy. This patient has a deep love of music, providing music therapy brings great joy and excitement to this patient and many others!

PENNSYLVANIA

Denise Struble



Denise has been with TCT since December 2024. She started out as a field volunteer and just recently added pen pals! She is a wildlife photopgraher, patients often enjoy looking at her photos and discussing the animals pictured.

INDIANA

Chuck & Holly Glibota



The Glibota's make these flag boxes from tress on their own property and gift them to our veterans. Pictured above are two veteran volunteres Chcuk in red and Claude in grey.

OHIO

John "Ian" Lane



He has volunteered with us for over 3 years, sharing his gift of singing and playing various instruments. He visits with the patients who are unable to attend and provides personal concerts. We appreciate John aka Ian for giving his time and talent to TCT patients!

IN MEMORY OF MARY KERBY

Mary Kerby touched countless lives through her volunteer work and her generous spirit. She lovingly made more than 2,000 teddy bears, bringing comfort to families in need. When asked to make 26 bears for one family, Mary and her fellow volunteer and best friend, Carol, completed them in one weekend!

Her kindness, dedication, and compassion are an inspiration to us all. Mary is deeply missed. In her honor, Carol hopes to continue making Memory Bears when the time is right, carrying on the legacy of a dear friend.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We continue to meet and talk with incredible people that want to give back and support our hospice patients at their end of life. But we are always looking for more hearts that want to serve! Take a look at our list and see if anything stands out to you. Or maybe pass along to a friend or family member who could benefit from volunteering their time. Please reach out, we would love to hear from you and work together on how we can best utilize your skills and abilities.

- ▶ In-Person Companionship
- ▶ Companionship Phone Calls
- ▶ Vigil Volunteering
- ▶ Administrative Work
- ▶ Writing Letters
- ▶ Sewing
- ▶ Pet Therapy
- ▶ Art Therapy
- ▶ Aroma Therapy

**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:
WWW.TCT-CARES.COM/VOLUNTEER**

IN-PERSON COMPANIONSHIP PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

At the center of our volunteer program are the dedicated individuals who spend time with patients through the simple gift of companionship.

Our in-person volunteers meet patients whenever they are in their journey, offering presence, comfort, and connection when it matters most. Sometimes that means playing a favorite card game, looking through treasured family photos, sharing stories, watching TV, listening to music, or simply sitting quietly holding a hand.

These moments may seem small, but they often become some of the most meaningful experiences for patients and their families. Through kindness, compassion, and willingness to be present, our volunteers help reduce feelings of isolation and bring comfort to those in our care.

By sharing conversation, laughter, memories, and companionship, our in-person volunteers embody the mission of The Care Team every day. Sometimes the most important thing we can offer is simply our presence

ACROSS OUR FIVE STATES IN Q2

MICHIGAN

April was volunteer appreciation month, we conducted a satisfaction survey and sent our volunteers appreciation gifts. Michigan currently has 32 field and 101 admin volunteers.

ILLINOIS

Within their Veteran's program, they recently honored a 103 year old WWII veteran! They appreciated volunteers with coffee, lunch, and goodie bags! Illinois currently has 7 field and 3 admin volunteers.

PENNSYLVANIA

The volunteer department conducted satisfaction surveys for program improvement/feedback and gave volunteers gifts for appreciation month. Pennsylvania currently has 17 field and 14 admin volunteers.

INDIANA

April being volunteer appreciation month we gave our volunteers appreciation gifts! June was national safety month. Crown Point hosted a game of Bingo at Fase Senior Center! Indiana currently has 18 field and 17 admin volunteers.

OHIO

Ohio had a music volunteer be the entertainment for the opening of a new facility! They also appreciated their volunteers in April. Ohio currently has 40 field and 19 admin volunteers.

TCT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

FUN FACTS

ILLINOIS

- Susan - enjoys time with her horse
- Paula - likes to garden

MICHIGAN

- Ashley - competitive gymnastics coach
- Hannah - enjoys baking
- Amber - likes going to concerts
- Reese - enjoying her new chickens

INDIANA

- Ailisha - likes to go camping

PENNSYLVANIA

- Christina - enjoys bird watching

OHIO

- Brenda - likes to travel
- Denise - enjoys the summertime weather
- Nicole - likes to do yoga
- Kassi - enjoys riding motorcycles

WHAT CAN YOU DO NEXT?

- ✦ refer a friend ✦
- ✦ follow us on facebook ✦
- ✦ visit our website ✦
- ✦ share stories for next quarter's newsletter ✦

CONTACT YOUR
VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

VOLUNTEERS@TCT-CARES.COM