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Teens can volunteer in many areas of the hospital — as nurse helpers, radiology transport assistants, clerical assistants, as a laboratory helper and in the dietary and outpatient areas.

Teen volunteers are required to attend a two-hour orientation. Volunteer hours are from 8 am to noon and from noon to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. The program lasts eight weeks.

The Teen Volunteer Program offers teens in Rutherford County an opportunity to receive on-the-job experience and may also help them decide what area of the medical field they’d like to focus their education and careers. With permission, teens may continue to volunteer on teacher’s work days and holidays during the school year.

Toy Chest
Toy Chest Volunteers meet monthly to sew and make stuffed animals and small pillows for young as well as elderly patients.

The Toy Chest meets at Rutherford Regional the third Monday, nine months of the year from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

Cross-Training
Cross-Trained Volunteers are encouraged to work in more than one area. Cross training is available for all services so those volunteers who do not wish to work a regular schedule may provide back-up services for regular volunteers.

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Adult Volunteer Opportunities

Auxiliary Gift Shop

Gift Shop Volunteers oversee a wide array of gift items including balloons, jewelry, stuffed animals, flowers and much more.

The Gift Shop is one of the Auxiliary’s major fund-raising projects located in the front lobby and open seven days a week. Volunteers may choose to work morning, afternoon or evening shifts. Couples or friends often work together.

Would you like to volunteer?

We are very grateful to all our volunteers who donate their time, energy, talent and support. Our volunteers add that special “touch” which contributes greatly to the well-being of our patients and their families.

Volunteering for Rutherford Regional will offer you an opportunity to utilize your special talents, learn new skills and make new friends. We appreciate our volunteers at Rutherford Regional and would be honored to welcome you as part of our caring team.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Director of Volunteer Services at (828) 286-5338.

Front Desk

Front Desk Volunteers help make hospital visitors feel welcome with a personal greeting and a smile. They cheerfully provide information and directions.

Volunteer shifts are 8 am to noon and noon to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

Outpatient Waiting

Outpatient Waiting Volunteers provide escort service for patients and perform miscellaneous tasks for the Outpatient staff.

Volunteer shifts are 8 am to noon and noon to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

Surgery Waiting

Surgery Waiting Volunteers provide families with updated reports on surgical procedures and perform miscellaneous duties for the surgical staff. Volunteer hours are from 8 am to “until,” Monday through Friday.

Intensive Care Waiting

Intensive Care Waiting Volunteers assist family members with telephone service, information and escort service to the Intensive Care Unit and provide a listening ear for those who just need a friend.

Volunteer shifts are 8 am to noon and noon to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

Messenger Service

Messenger Volunteers deliver mail and flowers to patient rooms as well as distribute magazines to waiting rooms.

Messenger Volunteers provide this service from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm, Monday through Friday.