

INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS

“Time Away” Volunteer Role Description

Purpose: To provide a friendly visit for persons with memory loss concerns which will allow their caregivers “TIME AWAY” for essential personal business or a reprieve of caring for their loved ones.

Role Description: The Time Away Volunteer will:

- Provide in-home friendly visits that could include such activities as listening and conversing, sharing a meal or snack, or just sitting with the care receiver.
- Communicate with the Volunteer Services Coordinator regarding changes in availability, contact information, and any questions or concerns regarding the service or the care receiver.
- Track hours and mileage, complete a monthly tracking sheet (provided by Interfaith Office), and return it to the Volunteer Services Coordinator.

Qualifications:

- A belief in the shared values of a personal commitment to care and service, the dignity and worth of every person, and the capacity of volunteer care giving to invigorate the life of a community
- A desire to work with care receivers with memory loss issues
- Must be able to be flexible, patient, and tolerant in what could be high stress situations. Must be able to adapt plans according to care receivers needs.
- Being available on short notice is desirable, but not required.
- Must provide own transportation to and from care receivers home

Application: Before service can be offered, volunteer must:

- a. Complete and return volunteer application
- b. Agree to a background check
- c. Attend a 1 hour Interfaith Volunteer Orientation
- d. Attend a 2 hour “Basics of Alzheimer’s” training

Training/Orientation: Interfaith Volunteer orientations are held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. “Basics of Alzheimer’s” training is available quarterly or as needed.

Time Commitment: Varies according to the volunteer’s schedule. Services can range from providing assistance twice a week to once every few months.
A single visit can range from 1 - 4 hours.

Other: A Care Receiver Care Visit will be completed by an IVC staff member prior to first visit.

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