Care Dimensions provides compassionate care throughout all stages of advanced illness. Our expansive services and expert staff and volunteers honor the richness of patients’ lives – addressing complex medical issues, as well as emotional, spiritual and family concerns. We treat patients with dignity and respect, so they may live as fully as possible.

Care Dimensions, one of the nation’s first hospice programs and the region’s largest, provides services in more than 90 communities in Eastern Massachusetts. As a non-profit, community-based leader in advanced illness care, our services include:

- Hospice
- Palliative care
- Specialized care programs: Dementia, Cardiac and Lung Diseases, Pediatrics
- Meeting the unique needs of: Veterans, Jewish patients, Developmentally disabled adults, the LGBTQ community
- Kaplan Family Hospice House
- Grief support
- Education and training

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Volunteers

Care Dimensions was founded in 1978 as Hospice of the North Shore by volunteers, and volunteers continue to be a vital part of the interdisciplinary team. Volunteers enrich the lives of many in the community by providing compassionate support to patients and families, as well as by assisting with administrative, clerical, outreach and fundraising efforts. Because there are so many ways to serve, volunteers have a choice of how to use their skills. The role of hospice volunteers is as dynamic as the individuals who give of themselves to support our mission.
VITAL MEMBERS OF THE HOSPICE TEAM
By volunteering for Care Dimensions, you will be part of something truly extraordinary and help us in our mission to make each day a gift. You will become a member of our hospice team, where everyone is valued and respected and all experiences matter.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A CARE DIMENSIONS VOLUNTEER?
Care Dimensions volunteers strive to embody the mission of hospice – providing steadfast care that accepts all, judges none and epitomizes empathy, kindness and understanding for all. People who are flexible, compassionate, reliable, conscientious, and have a sense of humor make wonderful hospice volunteers. All direct service volunteers participate in an extensive training program so no medical or healthcare background is needed.

DIRECT PATIENT SERVICE VOLUNTEERS
Many of our volunteers choose to be a direct patient service volunteer – visiting patients (at home or in long-term care facilities) to read, run errands or provide a listening presence, while others want to be greeters at the front desk of the Kaplan Family Hospice House. Vigil volunteers stay with actively dying patients so they won’t die alone, while other volunteers provide pet therapy, hand massage, Reiki or are trained to work with dementia patients. Our Veteran-to-Veteran program matches veterans of any age with patients who are veterans to take advantage of their unique ability to relate, connect, and create an environment where life review and healing may occur.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS
If the intensity of working with patients and loved ones is not the right fit for you, there are a variety of other important ways you can contribute, such as providing clerical support, helping with mailings, performing computer data entry or assisting at fundraising events.

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Care Dimensions offers many unique and creative volunteer opportunities that can capitalize on your talents and hobbies. Please call to explore what options may match your interests.

HOW CAN I GET STARTED?
Please call our Volunteer Services Department at 888-283-1722 or email Volunteers@CareDimensions.org. You can also visit www.CareDimensions.org/volunteer to learn more or apply online.

“I did not choose this work, it chose me – and I am so glad it did, because this has been the most remarkable experience I’ve ever had.”

- Care Dimensions Volunteer