

Volunteer Program/Opportunities

Program	Description	Requirements
Patient Care Volunteers	Provide companionship, respite care, transportation, household help and support to our patients and clients.	All Patient Care Volunteers are required to attend a 6-week training and attend monthly support meetings. Training begins a 1-year commitment of service with 2 hours of patient care per week.
Our Patient Care Volunteers may also be trained to provide additional services, including:		
Life Reminiscence	A collaborative effort between HSB and Life Chronicles. Volunteers capture life stories on film. HSB Volunteers also create scrapbooks, journals or audio recordings.	Additional training is provided for all specialty programs. Prerequisite: Patient Care Training plus 9 months of service.
Pet Therapy	The Pet Therapy program provides pet visits to patients in their homes or residential locations. Owners of these "certified" animals accompany their pets.	
Bereavement Support	Bereavement Volunteers provide social, emotional and practical support.	
No One Dies Alone	NODA is a collaborative effort between Hospice of Santa Barbara, VNA Health and local residential facilities. NODA Volunteers bring comfort and compassion to those we serve in the last 48-72 hours of life.	
Complementary Therapy	Trained and experienced Reiki Practitioners provide Reiki for patient's/caregiver's well-being.	Prerequisite: Patient Care Training. Reiki Training.
Advance Care Planning	Volunteers provide support to individuals and small groups wanting to complete their ACP documents. ACP Volunteers provide clarity and explanation of the ACP documents, with the goal of helping individuals complete their Advance Health Care Directive.	All ACP Volunteers are required to attend a 3-week training and attend quarterly support meetings.
Support Group Co-Facilitators	Volunteers who have experienced loss, healed, and are now ready to support others through their journey.	
Beloved Bear Volunteers	Volunteers who make teddy bears with the clothing of a loved one who has died.	Ability to sew.
Administrative Volunteers	Volunteers who assist with a variety of Hospice of Santa Barbara projects and other routine office work.	
Event Volunteers	Volunteers who assist with receptions, fundraisers and other events.	