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Open House for Northumberland Hills Hospital Volunteer Recruitment

Members of the Northumberland Hills Hospital Auxiliary thought perhaps a peek inside the world of the hospital volunteer would encourage you to join them so they are going to have an Open House on Tuesday April 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It will be held just inside the front door of the hospital by the gift shop. (Your parking ticket will be validated.)

There will be volunteers to tell you all about the service areas they cover with task cards to take away listing all the duties involved. They will be there to answer any questions you may have and there will be two 30-minute tours of the hospital at 10:30 and 1:00. Volunteers from Petticoat Lane will have a table with some of their wares; they will be more than happy to tell you about their duties at the newly expanded shop on Munroe Street. And everyone there will tell you that the Auxiliary needs you!

At last count, members of the volunteer organization at NHH numbered 352, 307 of whom work regular shifts at the hospital, at Petticoat Lane and at home making crafts. Their ages range from 16 to 90 and they come from just about every walk of life. And every single one of them will tell you that spending a few hours a month at NHH is one of the most rewarding things a person can do. Somewhere in Northumberland Hills Hospital there is a place for just about everyone interested in volunteering. And, crazy as it may sound when you read that they have 307 active volunteers, they need more. There are many shifts unmanned in the hospital. They need you!

NHH volunteers have two missions: to provide non-professional support to the hospital staff and to raise funds for specific equipment. There are 16 areas in the hospital where our volunteers provide support to the hospital staff: Emergency, Day Surgery, Cancer Care, Palliative Care and Restorative Care to name a few. The two main fundraisers are The Little Treasure Shop in the hospital and Petticoat Lane, the shop of little – and some big! - treasures on Munroe Street. There is also a dedicated group of crafters who knit, sew, crochet and embroider just about anything you can think of. They make a considerable contribution to the Northumberland Hills Hospital Auxiliary's commitment of \$150,000.00 per year towards equipment. Every one of these areas needs many volunteers to fill all the shifts, which is why the Auxiliary needs you.

If you decide immediately that you want to be a part of this amazing organization you can sign up there and then. Or you can take away the info, have a think and call them later at 905.372.6811, extension 4630. Or you can always pick an application form at the Front Desk or at Petticoat Lane.

Please join us on the 21st for what will be an informative and fun event. NHH volunteers love what they do and think you will too.