



KRISTUS DÂRZS

LATVIAN HOME

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Crisis and Palliative Care Volunteer

Before reporting for duty you should:

- Sign in the Volunteer Book located outside the Program & Support Services Office
- Wash your hands
- Pin on volunteer tag (if you forget yours, get a replacement from the Program & Support Services Manager)
- Report for duty to the Program & Support Services Manager or designated person

Specific Duties:

1. Sits by the bedside of Resident who is in a crisis situation or actively dying and possibly semi-conscious
2. Comforts Resident according to needs as determined by physician, family and nursing staff, i.e.; holds Resident's hand, talks to Resident, performs simple tasks as assigned by nursing staff
3. Notifies nursing staff if there is a change in the Resident's condition

Requirements:

- Available for up to four hours at a time

Qualifications:

- Mature individual with an ability to be sensitive to the patient's physical, emotional and spiritual needs
- Willing to sit for long periods of time (allowing for mini-breaks), likely with little interaction

Note: Bring reading material or some quiet craft work to do if Resident is sleeping