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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Celebrating YOUR Impact in 2025:

In 2025, over **1,200 individuals** provided service to St. Elizabeth. Volunteers **delivered** over **4,059 Care Cards, 1,522 floral arrangements** and belongings and **over 406 pieces** of patient mail. By the end of November, volunteers and service interns had provided over **93,000 hours of service**.

Thank you for your service and commitment to St. Elizabeth in 2025!

2026 High School Volunteer Program

Registration for NEW high school volunteers opens at 8am on Monday, January 5.

[For more information, visit this link.](#)

Current high school volunteers should complete the [end of session survey](#).

Celebrating Johanna Witte's Remarkable Volunteer Journey!

Johanna's story with Dearborn County Hospital began in 1978 as a switchboard operator. Over the years, she wore many hats—cashier, biller—and ultimately retired as a financial counselor after 23 years of dedicated service. After two years of retirement and a year of traveling to eight different destinations, Johanna felt the call to return. She rejoined the hospital as a part-time switchboard operator for another eight years before retiring once more.

But Johanna's heart for giving never stopped. In 2002, she began volunteering in the Gift Shop, a role she embraced wholeheartedly for over 23 years, contributing an incredible 7,893:04 hours. Dearborn was always her "home," and in her words, "they were always so good to me, I wanted to give back." And give back she did—with kindness, commitment, and a willingness to step in whenever needed.

Johanna closed her volunteer journey at Dearborn on December 27. We extend our deepest gratitude for her unwavering dedication and wish her all the best in the adventures ahead. Thank you, Johanna, for everything—you will always be part of the Dearborn family, and we will miss you immensely.

Winter Weather Safety

Our number one priority is your safety. If you feel you cannot come in to your volunteer shift due to weather, please notify your department at your earliest convenience that you will not be there. Be sure that you have a contact name and phone number in your department so that you can reach out to them directly in case of weather or sickness-related absences.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

April 29th, 2026

Active Shooter Training

Active Shooter Training will be offered at SETEC to interested volunteers on March 3rd, 2026, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Contact your site Volunteer Coordinator to register.

Vision Scholarship Program Accepting Applications Until Jan. 30

To ensure a steady pipeline of skilled professionals ready to meet the health needs of our communities, the St. Elizabeth Foundation supports a scholarship program each year.

High school seniors who are either children of St. Elizabeth associates or from Northern Kentucky/Southeastern Indiana who plan to pursue a healthcare-related degree in college are eligible to apply for this program.

[**Click here**](#) for more information. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship process, please reach out to the St. Elizabeth Foundation at stefoundation@stelizabeth.com or (859) 301-3920.

Comment Corner: Celebrating Impactful Moments

Edgewood: *"From the security guard at the entrance, To the information desk volunteers, Even the maintenance staff, is always very courteous and very helpful in answering any questions, And all members of staff that I have ever encountered present the importance of my health care."*

Ft. Thomas: *"The volunteer who showed us to the outpatient radiology was great."*



In Memoriam

Kitty Pilger, Former Director of Volunteer Services
Karen Cotcamp, Gift Shop Sales Associate

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS IN DECEMBER

- Bushra Arsha
- Shelby Bailey
- Jan Cauhorn
- Laurie Hauger
- Stephanie Herro
- Alice Hicks
- Todd Kinster
- Emily MacFarlane
- James McMillan
- Rana Mokdad
- Jai Moore
- Tasha Paul
- Rylyn Riesenbeck
- Ben Schwartz
- Vivian Thompson
- Katlyn Timmers

*Need new Volunteer Services apparel? Review our selection and place an order by clicking on the link below. All orders will be placed on the **10th** of every month.*

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St. Elizabeth Volunteers are passionate about their role in making a positive impact on the patient experience.

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