



News Release

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### **Columbus Community Hospital Recruiting Volunteers and VolunTEENS**

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**(COLUMBUS, Neb.)** – Columbus Community Hospital (CCH) has more than 250 volunteers, including teenage volunteers who are part of its VolunTEEN program. Combined, these volunteers have given more than 20,000 hours of their time to CCH in the past year alone.

“We have a really strong volunteer program that really helps us quite a bit,” said Michael Hansen, CCH president and CEO. “I have never been anywhere in my 37 years of health care that had such a huge and dedicated volunteer program.”

CCH is looking to build on its strong volunteer program and is currently recruiting volunteers and VolunTEENS to provide high-quality service to CCH patients, families, visitors and medical staff.

The volunteers assist in The Gift Shop and at the hospital’s information desks, act as guides, visit patients, provide clerical support, help with special events like fundraisers and much more.

To become a volunteer at CCH, people must make a minimum of a one-year commitment to be a volunteer, have a friendly attitude and successfully complete an application, background check, references, orientation and annual ongoing training.

To become a VolunTEEN, teens must be between 14 and 18 years old, be a current high school student, make a minimum of a one-year commitment to be a volunteer, have a friendly attitude and successfully complete the VolunTEEN application, background check, references, orientation and annual ongoing training.

Teens who participate in CCH’s VolunTEEN program will be assigned to a service area which is based on their availability and interests. Their duties will vary based on the areas of the hospital to which they are assigned, but regardless of their assignment, they will receive thorough training. Volunteer shifts are available after school on weekdays and on weekends.



Participants in the VolunTEEN Program, who have volunteered a minimum of 50 hours at CCH, are eligible for the VolunTEEN Scholarship which CCH's Volunteer & Guest Services awards annually.

Volunteers at CCH have the benefit of knowing they are helping those who really need it, while doing something they enjoy. They also enjoy many personal benefits that come with volunteering at CCH, including: free flu shots, free annual wellness blood draws, cardiopulmonary membership discounts, experience and references for future placements, inclusion in hospital and volunteer activities, tax credits for travel and cafeteria discounts.

For more information on becoming a volunteer or VolunTEEN at CCH, visit [www.columbushosp.org](http://www.columbushosp.org) to complete the application, call 402-562-4791 or email [cchvolunteers@columbushosp.org](mailto:cchvolunteers@columbushosp.org).

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