

# THE Importance of Caring

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my journey into health care



## Chelsea Kasik

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Before coming to Columbus Community Hospital (CCH), Chelsea Kasik wasn't interested in a career in health care. She was just interested in a job.

**"I was fresh out of college, just looking for a job, period,"** Kasik said.

That's when she saw a volunteer services assistant position at CCH advertised and she thought it looked interesting. Kasik had just received her associate degree in business administration from Central Community College and she wanted to work in something related to human resources. She also knew that she wanted to work directly with people.

Kasik decided the volunteer services assistant position was related to human resources, and more importantly, it would allow her to interact with people. She decided to give it a shot. Kasik got the job and started working at CCH in June 2017.

She's glad she did.

**"Looking back, I kind of feel like this position picked me. I can't imagine myself not working in and around health care,"** Kasik said. **"There's just something about working specifically here at Columbus Community Hospital. The atmosphere and the people I meet in this job, are truly what I love most."**

Kasik particularly enjoys working with CCH's volunteers, which is something she gets to do even more since she was promoted to her current position as volunteer coordinator about a year ago.

In this position, Kasik schedules the hospital's more than 200 volunteers in more than 30 areas of the hospital. She also recruits and selects new volunteers; organizes the volunteers' files, including their background checks, and gives the volunteers their orientations and annual trainings.

Kasik tries to get to know every volunteer individually and take time out of her day to talk to them and learn something new about them every day.

**"Working with 200 different personalities has been an adventure,"** she said. **"My job has its challenges, as I'm sure every job does, but getting to interact with the volunteers and getting to know them is what I love the most."**

In her position, Kasik also helps organize and run volunteer luncheons and blood drives, as well as schedules volunteers for the 13 fundraisers CCH's Volunteer and Guest Services hold each year.

**"I can truly say that no two days are the same,"** she said. **"The beauty of working**

**in health care is that there are never-ending possibilities and opportunities for growth. Health care will always continue to change, always continue to grow and with that, that brings new life, new experiences and new people and I get very excited about that."**

Though Kasik may have just been looking for a job, she's very happy she ended up in the health care field, and at CCH in particular.

**"Health care is such a rewarding job and I'm very fortunate that I have the opportunity to learn and interact with the people I do. I'm just very proud and happy to say I work for Columbus Community Hospital,"** she said.

**For more information on Kasik or CCH's many volunteer opportunities, visit [www.columbushosp.org](http://www.columbushosp.org).**