

# THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM

## GROUP VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

Thank you for your interest volunteering. Here's how your group can help improve the patient and visitor experience:

### Patient Greeting Cards and Tray Favors

- These items are distributed on patient meal trays to brighten their day. They often are a general greeting to mark the change in season.
- Cards, magnets, or bookmarks are useful and well-received. Items made with scrapbooking supplies often provide the best quality product.
- Please consult the Patient Card guidelines before starting.

### Sew/crochet/knit items:

- Walker bags attach to the front of the walker to carry items around the house or to appointments. Patterns and tutorials are readily available on the internet. Staff at Dodd Hall and Outpatient Rehabilitation are always asking for these items.
- Make lap blankets (fleece tie, knit, or crochet) as a comfort item for inpatients and outpatients.
- If there is a need, groups can also knit or crochet baby items. Currently, our need for these items is well met by other volunteer groups.

### Sing or play music:

- Groups with musical talent may be able to sing or play instruments in common areas and on patient floors. As this is an in-hospital activity, not all groups can perform this activity; it is typically limited to groups that are affiliated with the University. \*

### Events at Dodd Hall Rehabilitation Hospital:

- Depending on the season, groups can schedule a work day planting/weeding/trimming in the therapy garden adjacent to Dodd Hall.
- Groups of 2 or 3 could lead a craft, perform, play bingo, host a movie night or other activities for patients. As this is in-hospital activity, not all groups can perform this activity; it is typically limited to groups that are affiliated with the University.\*

### Collect and Donate Items:

- Harding Hospital has a wish list of items to stock their store which is used as a reward for adolescent patients. They also accept journals and stuffed animals. All items must be new and there are other safety restrictions. Please consult the Harding Donation list before collecting.
- Volunteer Services collects magazines and books to distribute to surgery and procedure waiting areas. Magazines should be current 'newsstand' type magazines. Mailing name and address should be lined out with a Sharpie.
- Critical Care Units welcome personal hygiene items for family members with a long stay: shampoo, soap, mouthwash, toothbrushes, tissues, deodorant, etc.

\* For the safety of our patients and group members, we limited outside groups during flu season, particularly January 1 – March 31.

For more information, contact Volunteer Services at 614.293.8653.



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