

VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATED AT BETHESDA HEALTH CARE

Volunteers are a significant part of the Bethesda Health Care team and play an important part in the lives of patients and visitors. Their generous time allows for the hospital to offer additional services to their patients and visitors.

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is the annual celebration from 20 – 26 May 2019 to acknowledge the generous contribution of volunteers. The theme for NVW 2019 is *“Making a world of difference”*.

At Bethesda Health Care, a volunteer celebration morning tea is taking place on Wednesday 22 May at 10am at the hospital cafe.

Executive Chairman of Bethesda Health Care, Dr Neale Fong said ‘in addition to donating 130 hours per week to assist our staff, the volunteers managed to fundraise more than \$5000 for the hospital last year- a remarkable effort. They a vital part of our care team and we want to recognize their contribution to the hospital’.

Volunteer positions at Bethesda Health Care include the following:

- Meet & Greet
- Palliative Care
- Happy Hour Drinks Trolley for Palliative Care
- Therapists for Palliative Care e.g. Art, Breathing & Meditation, Massage, Music, Pet Therapy and Reiki
- Musicians and Singers/Choirs for Palliative Care
- Clerical Support for various staff members and Palliative Care Reception
- Storeperson

There are more than 65 volunteers at Bethesda Health Care, who range in age from 19 years to 84 years. In addition to the above positions, the volunteers are very successful fundraisers through their sales of homemade goodies and crafts, as well as raffles at Easter, Christmas and other health promotion days. These funds go towards purchasing extra items for patients to the hospital.

To enquire about joining the team, please contact Volunteer Coordinator at Bethesda Health Care Kay McIntyre on (08) 9340 6300 or e-mail kmcintyre@bethesda.org.au.

Bethesda Health Care is an independent 88-bed award-winning hospital in Claremont who has been providing care and service to the Western Australian community for more than 70 years.

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