



"I retired from a busy job and didn't want to just be at home. I like to get out and help others at the same time, to feel I'm making my time useful."

Sandy Grant, clerical volunteer in the Volunteer Services office, has volunteered since 2003.

"When people see the ladies in the green jackets, it makes them realize the community supports the hospital in different ways, and I think that's important."

Jean Carnaghan, who works at the Backus gift shop and is a member of the Backus Auxiliary, has volunteered since 1993.



Over **450** volunteers donate **45,000** hours of service a year at Backus. Volunteering is good for your health and the health of our community.



Contact the Volunteer Office at (860) 823-6320
backushospital.org/volunteers

Choose wisely. Choose *Backus*



Many backgrounds, one mission.

Lend a helping hand



You can make a difference

If you are willing to donate 75 hours of your time per year to make a difference in the lives of patients, Backus Hospital is a great place to do it.

From pushing wheel chairs to greeting patients or working the Gift Shop, Backus volunteers play a major role in improving the experience of patients and their families.

Whether you are retired, laid off or a younger person looking to gain experience, volunteering at Backus can be an opportunity for you.

Volunteers assist patients and staff in many departments, including Same Day Surgery, Pain Management, Pharmacy, Information Technology, Endoscopy, Radiation Therapy, the Cafeteria, Communications and the Volunteer Services escort office.

Over 450 volunteers donate their time to Backus, either through committees, helping in the hospital, or at one of our satellite facilities. This includes individuals of all ages and backgrounds – from high school-age junior volunteers, college students, professionals and retirees. They provide 45,000 hours of service a year.

Volunteering can be very rewarding and is a great way to give back to the community.



Barbara Cambria has been volunteering with pet therapy since 1997 through Hospice and other venues. She helped start the pet therapy program in Backus beginning in 2002.

“I dedicate my time to Backus with my dogs because I truly believe in the ability of animals to console, soothe and relieve our human spirit, especially in the face of grave illness or worry over a loved one.

Visiting provides those who are seriously ill with a calming and healing presence of dogs, and offers the opportunity for joy, respect, comfort and companionship.”

The volunteer process

- Adults may contact the Volunteer Office at **(860) 823-6320** with a request for an application and one will be mailed (or faxed) to you,
- You may stop by the Volunteer Office and pick up an application,
- Or you may download an application from **backushospital.org/volunteers**

When your completed application has been received by the Volunteer Office we will call you to arrange an interview at a time that is convenient for both you and the Director of Volunteer Services.

- Please be prepared to provide three references, to be cleared through the Employee Health Department, complete a background check, and attend a Volunteer Orientation.
- Volunteers are also required to complete an annual in-service.