



# Volunteer Services

Volunteer Services engages volunteers in the work of the hospital as a clear manifestation of its Mission of partnership with persons who have serious mental illness, its Vision of Hope through Excellence, and the core values of Partnership, Responsiveness, Integrity and Empowerment.

We believe that volunteer service, as a method of increased interaction between consumers and the community provides:

- Greater “normalization” for consumers
- Increased opportunities to educate the community about mental illness and the struggles of those who live with it
- Expansion of care given by our overextended employee caregivers

Benefits to those who volunteer may include:

- Service to the community
- The opportunity to meet new people, develop new skills, and discover new experiences
- Observe possible careers in the health care field
- Enjoy the pleasures that come with helping others

Volunteers may serve in a variety of ways that include, but are not limited to:

- Greenhouse and horticulture activities
- Campus and professional libraries
- Christmas and birthday presents for consumers and associated activities
- Clerical help
- 12-Step programs
- Visiting with consumers
- Teaching new skills
- Pastoral and spiritual counseling
- GED and adult literacy

Volunteers who serve at Fulton State Hospital come from the community, or may already be employed here and give extra time as volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at Fulton State Hospital, please call 592-4100.