

VOLUNTEER  
SCREENING

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Last  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

First  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been hospitalized in  
the last 6 months? YES NO

Have you ever been convicted of  
a felony? YES NO

Do you have allergies that may  
affect your visit? YES NO

If yes, explain:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any physical/  
medical limitations? YES NO

If yes, explain:  
\_\_\_\_\_

How far are you able/willing to  
drive to provide assistance?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or fax this screening  
form to the address on this bro-  
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Volunteer Caregiver Support  
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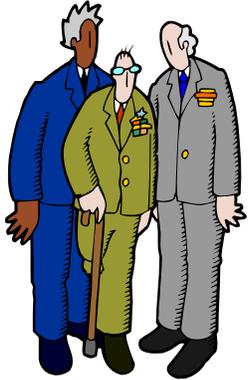


“Ensuring veterans receive  
the right care, in the right  
place, at the right time,  
and to make the home,  
whenever appropriate, into  
the preferred place of  
care.”

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## NEED FOR VOLUNTEER CAREGIVER SUPPORT



It is estimated that, by the year 2050 more than one out of every five people will be age 65 or older. Those over age 85 are the fastest growing segment of our population.

The rapidly changing demographics in the US will create health care needs for this aging populations that are unprecedented. Due to these trends our health care system, government programs, community based services and families will be greatly challenged. The number of veterans being treated in VA facilities has been increasing significantly and because the criteria for receiving VA nursing home care can be stringent the result is more veterans are being cared for in their home or that of a family member.

Additionally, returning veterans from the current conflicts in the middle east add a new demographic and dimension to VA health care. Many of these young veterans may eventually be care recipients with their parents or spouse serving as their primary caregiver.

### Role of a Caregiver Support Volunteer

The purpose of this section is to describe and clarify the important role of a Caregiver Support Volunteer. In this position you can assist veteran care recipients, their primary caregivers and their family with coping with the daily challenges of living with a chronic disease, illness, disability or condition of aging.

Serving as a Caregiver Support Volunteer can be extremely fulfilling and allows individuals an opportunity to meet a tremendous need in your own community. Your role as a volunteer will provide a much needed break for the primary caregiver so they can renew their energy and spirit. You will provide personal support to the caregiver and compassionate care to the veteran. By doing this you support the family's ability to care for the veteran in a familiar home setting. Your role will be vital to the care and treatment of our veterans.



### Qualities of a Caregiver Support Volunteer

Volunteers best suited to assist are those who will:

- Be reliable and dependable
- Have their own transportation
- Provide compassionate care and support to veterans
- Successfully complete background check with no issues reported
- Be a good listener and communicator with a sympathetic ear
- Encouraging to veteran
- Pleasant, courteous and helpful when dealing with veteran and caregivers
- Convey positive attitude to veteran, caregiver and family
- Willing to complete all volunteer training according to VHA policy
- Be observant and willing to report any problems or issues to the primary care provider or your supervisor
- Work together with caregiver to figure out a schedule that works for you both and be flexible with it
- Phone caregiver in between visits