



Dear Prospective Volunteer,

We want to acknowledge and thank you for your desire to become a part of Celia's House in Holmes Park. It takes many volunteers doing a variety of jobs to successfully run this essential service and we look forward to adding your unique skills to our community.

Who is Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice?

Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to raise awareness and provide financial support for end of life care programs through collaboration with our Rogue Valley community. Our vital purpose is to create and sustain Celia's House, a 12-bed hospice residential care facility in Medford, Oregon. We envision a community whose residents have access to compassionate and individualized end-of-life care.

What is Hospice? Hospice provides end-of-life care and dignity for patients and families. In the United States, Medicare certified hospice offers multi-disciplinary providers including visiting doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains and volunteers focused on quality of life for dying patients and their loved ones. Although 80% of Americans wish to die at home, only 20-30% actually do. In Oregon, 52% of people die with hospice support, but 44% of those hospice patients are not able to be cared for at home for many reasons. This is why Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice has created Celia's House, a specialty residence for dignified end-of-life care, room and board.

Volunteer Opportunities

Following are descriptions of the most common volunteer positions, but everyone has unique skills so if you have another talent to share please list it on the application.

*Resident Support Volunteer** - These volunteers are an essential part of providing high quality care to our residents and their families. While staff members take care of medical needs, Resident Support Volunteers are trained to support the mental and emotional well-being of residents and their loved ones. This position requires 40-hours of training and an interview process.

*Cooking/Kitchen Volunteer ** - Do you enjoy making the house smell yummy with sweet and savory aromas from the kitchen? Kitchen volunteers support the kitchen in many different ways including creating soups or main dishes or baking cookies. They also bring meals to our residents and help clean up the kitchen afterwards.

*Garden Volunteer ** - Our hospice care facility is surrounded by beautiful botanical gardens. If you have a green thumb or just like digging in the dirt, we are always excited to have volunteers help maintain our idyllic park like environment. No experience necessary!



Maintenance Volunteer * - Help to maintain the house. We are always happy to have people help paint, clean, or repair items around the house.

*Greeter Volunteer** - Set a welcoming tone as the first person to meet people as they enter the house, help check in visitors, and be a helpful presence in the ground floor common spaces of Celia's House.

*Music Volunteer** – Play music at the house for resident and family enjoyment and enrichment.

Community Outreach Volunteer * - Help us to spread the word about the Celia's House and Special Events. This could include handing out flyers or arranging talks with community groups.

Special Events Volunteer - Assist with organizing the special events held by Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice.

Office Volunteer - Like with any organization we have filing, website, and other general administrative work that needs to be done, and we are happy to have volunteers help in the office.

** We ask that all volunteers who work at Celia's House complete our 10-hour culture orientation to introduce volunteers to our mission, values, and aspirations, the house itself, staff members, other volunteers, and the concept of mindful presence with people at the end of life and their loved ones. Additionally, the state requires a background check be completed on volunteers with any level of resident contact.*

Thank you again for your interest in volunteering with Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice. We are a volunteer driven organization and are deeply grateful to all of our volunteers who give their time and energy to help us accomplish our mission! There are many meaningful ways you may choose to become involved with Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice. To get started please fill out the attached application and return a digital scan or mail the completed form. We will happily answer any questions via phone or e-mail.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Crescenzi

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Volunteer Staff Application

Date: _____

Full Name: _____ Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy):

Email: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name(s) _____

Relationship _____

Phone Number(s) _____

(Optional) Allergies or medical conditions you would like us to be aware of

Celia's House Volunteer Opportunities

* Due to our training costs, we require a one-year commitment and completion of additional Resident Support Volunteer Application Questions, found on page 6 and 7 of this form, from the marked volunteer groups.

- * Resident Support Volunteer (Requires additional training)
- Music Volunteer (type) _____
- Cooking/Kitchen Volunteer
- Garden Volunteer
- Front Desk Volunteer
- Maintenance Volunteer
- Other (please specify) _____



Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice Volunteer Opportunities

- Community Outreach
- Special Events
- Planning Committee
- Office Assistance

Hospice Unique Boutique Resale Shop Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering at the Boutique, please call 541-488-7805.

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

Why do you want to be a volunteer staff member at Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice?

What is your professional background?

What skills will you bring to your chosen volunteer position?

What other languages do you speak fluently? _____



How did you learn about Celia's House?

- Article in the following: _____
- Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice Newsletter
- From a past/present volunteer/employee of SOFH. Name of person:

- Website
- Other. Please specify: _____

Days/Hours Available:

Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____

Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____

Do you have any health or physical limitations we need to consider in assigning you volunteer tasks?

Volunteer Statement – please use the following space to write a brief personal statement. Tell us about yourself, your interests, a little about your history, your job, your hobbies, etc.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



References

Please list at least 2 people who know you well, one professionally the other personally.

Name/Title	Relationship	Email Address(required)
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I understand that **Celia's House** is a project of **Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice**, a non-profit 501(c) 3. I give Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice permission to contact my references and conduct a background check.

Signature _____ Date _____

You will hear back from our volunteer coordinator or another member of our staff within four weeks of submission. Thank you for completing your application to Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice.



Resident Support Volunteer Application

By checking this box, I acknowledge that: I will complete an interview with the volunteer coordinator, I am willing to complete an extended 30 hours Resident Support Training before beginning my volunteer service and will attend an additional 5 special topic evening meetings during the first year of my service. I commit to serving at least one 4-hour shift per week for one year. (With flexibility for vacations, holidays, etc.)

Why do you want to be a Resident Support volunteer?

When was(were) your most resent loss(es)?

Please briefly explain your experiences with dying and/or hospice.





What skills, and qualities do you think you have that would make you effective at the bedside?

What training have you previously received you feel will aid you in this volunteer position? (No level of training is required but we would like to know where you are coming from.)

What do you see as your greatest challenge working with Celia's House Residents and their families?



During your experiences of loss and illness in your lifetime what was it that supported you most, or pulled you through? _____

If you need additional space, feel free to use the back of pages or attach additional pages.

I (print name) _____ certify that I am submitting my application to be a Resident Support volunteer staff member at Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice.

Signature: _____ Date: _____