## Current Volunteer Opportunities As of September, 2020

Patient / Family Navigator(s) – Security Dispatch Desk – Highly visible position requiring strong people skills and service abilities; friendly, outgoing demeanor ... kindness, helpfulness and the desire to be active and helpful. Assist / escort patients to outpatient testing sites; assist visitors to patient rooms and guests to hospital departments. Deliver flowers to patient rooms / hospital departments. Morning delivery of newspapers to hospital departments and nursing units. The volunteer should be comfortable with periods of standing, walking and pushing wheelchairs. Training is provided. Current openings – Thursdays 8 am to Noon; Mondays Noon to 4 pm; Tuesdays Noon to 4 pm; Wednesdays Noon to 4 pm; Thursdays Noon to 4 pm; Fridays Noon to 4 pm. Please consider the risks associated with community spread of the Covid-19 virus as well as risks associated with volunteering in a healthcare setting

Patient / Family Navigator(s) — Central Registration / Main Entrance — Highly visible position requiring an outgoing and friendly demeanor and the ability to provide strong customer service ... kindness, helpfulness and the desire to be active and helpful. Greet and direct outpatients, visitors and guests to testing sites, surgical areas and inpatient areas. The ability to assist a patient or visitor with wheelchair transport is required. We utilize Staxi Patient Transport chairs. Please visit <a href="www.staxi.com">www.staxi.com</a> for a product / equipment demonstration. The volunteer should be comfortable with periods of standing, walking and pushing. Training is provided. Current openings — Weekdays — Mondays Noon to 4 pm; Wednesdays Noon to 4 pm; Fridays 8 am to Noon.

\*\*Early start times are available and needed from 6 am to 8 am to assist with early morning surgical schedules.\*\* Please consider the risks associated with community spread of the Covid-19 virus as well as risks associated with volunteering in a healthcare setting

Cancer Institute of New Jersey – Personalized and themed crafted cards – We extend this opportunity to volunteers to reach out to our patients by creating a personalized card. "Thinking of You", "Happy Fall", "Wishing You Well", "Wishing to share this beautiful day with you" are some popular themed cards volunteers can uniquely craft in your own special way in your own home! These cards will be put in special sealed envelopes for patient distribution through our new Welcome bags and also handed out in the unit. We encourage uplifting pictures and/or poetry or a simple handwritten card signed by the volunteer.

**Bedside Harp®** - Volunteer internships are available at RWJ Hamilton through Bedside Harp® after completion of instructional folk harp classes, therapy training and certification. To learn more, visit <a href="www.bedsideharp.com">www.bedsideharp.com</a> or call 609.273.0068.

\*\*\*\*Pet Therapy\*\*\*\* – Volunteer opportunities are available and very much needed for <u>certified</u> pet therapy dogs and handlers to visit our patients at the Cancer Institute at RWJ Hamilton. Patient visitation training will be provided. Volunteer time spent is usually 1 hour per week\*\*\*\*

For more information on how to certify your dog, Google: Therapy Dogs International, Alliance of Therapy Dogs or Bright and Beautiful Dogs. Once certified, the handler provides documentation and applies to become a hospital volunteer.

\*\*\*\*Reiki\*\*\*\* – Minimum requirement – Level II Reiki certification. Copy of certificate is required. Information on how to become certified is available in the RWJ Hamilton Healthy Together magazine.

## How to Become a Volunteer:

For information on how to become a volunteer, contact the volunteer office at **609.631.6981** to further discuss.