

Volunteer Star



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**NURSING
3 Years**

What duties do you perform in your volunteer role at CVIM?

I bring patients to the room, take their vital signs, and determine their chief complaint. When needed, I give injections, collect urine or blood, run EKGs, check blood sugars, and perform other required tests.

What brought you to volunteer at CVIM?

I had retired from nursing to raise my family and thought I would perhaps move on to another career. But as I got further away from nursing, I realized how much I loved it. My friend, Murfee Aceto, kept inviting me to come and see CVIM. Once I walked in the front door, I was hooked...there was no turning back.

How does volunteering at CVIM make you feel?

I am honored to be able to work at CVIM. Many of our patients are the invisible people in society who are struggling with the many burdens of poverty. I am often humbled by their strength and kindness.

What would you tell your friends to interest them in volunteering at the clinic?

I always tell my friends that I'm the luckiest person in the world to be able to work at CVIM. The staff here consistently treats the patients with respect and dignity while providing excellent medical care. This is the kindest, most caring place I have ever worked.

What other hats have you worn?

I spent 13 years as a nurse at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. I then stayed home to raise 6 boys, volunteering at church and school as well.

When you're not at CVIM, what are a few of the things you do for enjoyment?

I love to garden, spend time at the beach with my extended family, help out at church, participate in Bible studies, and exercise.

