

Volunteer Star



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**NURSING
ASSISTANT
13 Years**

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

As a microbiologist, phlebotomist and nursing assistant, I draw blood, interview patients prior to the doctor's visit, document the patient's height, weight, and blood pressure, and note the reason for the visit.

What brought you to volunteer at CVIM?

A fellow hiker and volunteer at CVIM, Elizabeth Brecht, knew my work history and encouraged me to apply to CVIM.

How does volunteering at CVIM make you feel?

I get a feeling of great satisfaction knowing that I am able to help people who would otherwise have fallen through the "health care cracks."

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

I would emphasize what a worthwhile and satisfying feeling it is to give back. I would also tell them what a great group of people work and volunteer at CVIM.

Have you recruited any other volunteers to work at CVIM?

Another fellow hiker, Dona Wray, is now an eligibility screener at CVIM at my instigation.

What other hats have you worn?

A degree in Medical Technology with an Associate degree in Microbiology from London University started me off on my career. Outside of work, I was a Brownie and Girl Scout leader, helped at my local polling station on election days, and served as secretary of the Chester County Trail Club.

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

I've been an avid hiker and traveler. I also enjoy spending time with my grandchildren, reading, attending operas and symphony concerts, and getting together with some amazing friends.

