

Volunteer Star



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

As a nurse, I perform labs, take vital signs, provide wound care and give injections.

What brought you to volunteer at CVIM?

My friend from church, Claire Surr, who is a diabetic educator at CVIM told me about what it's like to be a volunteer at the clinic. Clair brought me in for a tour and introduced me to Judy Atticks, who said she would welcome my help.

How does volunteering at CVIM make you feel?

I love working here and giving back. It makes me glad to see how well patients are cared for—and cared about.

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

I would tell them that it reminds me of when I first went into nursing in the 50s. We can take all the time we need with a patient, especially talking to them about their lives and how that might impact their health.

Have you recruited any other volunteers to work at CVIM?

Yes, I recruited my neighbor, Dr. Peter Parry, who is currently a cardiologist and endocrinologist at the clinic.

What other hats have you worn?

I have worked in nursing for over 50 years, as an ENT nurse in Manhattan, as an orthopedic nurse at HUP, then at Lankenau Hospital for 27 years—the last 15 in cardiology. I've also served as a leader of band club, judge of elections, and Cub Scout den mother. Today I'm a deacon and member of the outreach committee at church.

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

I like to walk and go to Zumba Gold classes. I also enjoy participating in church activities, going out with friends, and taking care of my four grandchildren.

