

Your local hospice is always looking for volunteers. The role of the volunteer is a much valued one and without them the hospice, quite simply, would not be able to operate.

Becoming a volunteer can offer great rewards in terms of socialising and learning new skills and can make a difference to your own life and the lives of others.

St Cuthbert's Hospice in Durham City provide specialist palliative and end of life care to all those affected by life-limiting illnesses, at a time and a place that is right for them. The Hospice Mission is 'To make every day count for those affected by life-limiting illnesses' and their Vision is 'to be a centre of excellence within our community and to provide all-embracing, compassionate and individualised care to all those affected by life-limiting illnesses, at a time and a place that is right for them'

St Cuthbert's is a registered charity and has a volunteer team which comprises a diverse range of ages, skills, knowledge, and experience from a variety of backgrounds. Everyone has something different to offer, and contribute to the development and success of the hospice. They have just completed their second volunteer survey with very positive feedback;-

- 100% enjoy the role they do, consider they are treated fairly and with respect and would recommend the Hospice as a volunteer organisation.
- 99% feel they make a difference and feel appreciated.
- 99% would recommend the Hospice as a care provider
- 96% feel morale is good

They are currently looking for volunteers to give support in general administration.

Grace House Children's Hospice in Southwick Sunderland is scheduled to open in May 2015. Grace House will provide respite care for children and young people who have life-shortening conditions for which there is no known cure. Caring for children and young people from across the region will be at the heart of all that they do.

Grace House has been built with donations from the public

They have many opportunities for volunteers to assist with general admin, website, data input etc.

St Clare's Hospice in Jarrow St. Clare's Hospice was established in 1987 to provide palliative care to adults with life limiting illnesses south of the Tyne They have a team of volunteers who support the Hospice in a kaleidoscope of different ways. They are currently seeking volunteers to give general admin support

If you are interested in volunteering and would like more information on any of the vacancies please contact [Anna Bradley](#)