

MRHC Auxiliary Volunteers

During the past ten years the Magnolia Regional Health Center Auxiliary has given over \$150,000 to the hospital.

Some of these gifts have been:

- Furnishings for the Intensive Care Waiting Room
- Cafeteria tables and chairs
- Pictures for all patient rooms
- Various equipment for Cardiac Rehab

The Auxiliary also has a Scholarship Program which gives grants of \$850.00 per semester to eligible students in the health care professions. Over \$120,000 has been awarded during the past ten years.

These gifts and scholarships are funded by the proceeds from our Gift Shop which is on the first floor across from the patient elevators. Flowers, plants, candy, and magazines are available as well as a varied selection of gift items.

The Magnolia Regional Health Center Auxiliary, was organized in 1965, and continues to adapt its service to the needs of a growing health care facility.

Desk volunteers give directions and room information to patients and visitors as they enter the hospital.

- Escort volunteers assist by distributing mail and flowers to patient rooms. They also assist the ER staff by signing in patients.
- Gift Shop volunteers staff the Auxiliary Gift Shop in four-hour shifts (8:00-12:00 am; 10:00- 2:00 pm; 12:00- 4:00 pm).
- Craft volunteers are women who meet on the first Thursday of each month to make hand-made items for sale in the Gift Shop.
- Both men and women are eligible to become Auxiliary members.
- Volunteers work one four-hour shift each week at a time that is convenient for them.
- Some volunteers may choose to work as substitutes only.

Membership Requirements:

- A hospital volunteer must be dependable. The responsibilities one assumes are important ones. When the hospital volunteer agrees to a shift assignment, he/ she must consider it an obligation. Others will depend on him/her to be present and on time.
- Volunteering should be a pleasant experience. It presents ever-changing challenges which will require tact, patience and a sense of humor on one's part.
- Annual dues are \$5.00. Volunteers are also required to purchase a pink jacket (about

\$25.00) after the initial training period is completed.

- An application form may be obtained at the Information Desk at the hospital. The completed form may be returned to the Information Desk Volunteer or mailed to the Scheduling Chairman who will schedule an interview with the applicant. Upon acceptance for training, each volunteer will have several practice sessions before final acceptance as an active volunteer.
- The fellowship and a feeling of accomplishment are personal rewards for volunteer service.