

Leslie Groves

*Rest Home Hospital Level Care Dementia Care
Specialised Hospital Care (Psychogeriatric)*



Volunteering Opportunity

Are you interested in sharing your skills and knowledge, building your network of friends, learning about New Zealand's rich history from those who were a part of it and keeping our residents up to date on what is happening in their community?

If so, Leslie Groves Residential Services has an exciting opportunity for you.

Who is a Volunteer?

Volunteers come from all walks of life and a variety of backgrounds. They bring with them a huge amount of life experience, special skills and qualities, unique knowledge and, a good sense of humour is always helpful! They may be members of the local community, church groups, schools, pet therapy groups, entertainment groups, cultural groups and corporate bodies.

No formal qualifications are required for our volunteer positions, just a warm and willing heart, a cheerful nature and a few hours of your time.

What do Volunteers do?

We are fortunate to have the support of wonderful volunteers, all of whom work with us to help our residents live as fully and richly as possible. Whether it's assisting with one off functions, setting a weekly or monthly date, or helping out daily, every little bit makes such a big difference and really helps to brighten the day of our residents.

Some examples of what volunteers do:

- 👉 Listening and chatting with our residents
- 👉 Reading the paper, a letter or a book
- 👉 Writing letters or helping our resident write their own letter
- 👉 Helping residents with their recreation and hobby activities
- 👉 Setting up and running a group eg housie, scrabble, cards, quizzes
- 👉 Assisting staff with activities
- 👉 Accompanying residents on outings
- 👉 Taking residents for walks round their home and gardens
- 👉 Assisting residents at meal times

Some examples of what Volunteers DON'T do:

- 👉 Provide nursing care
- 👉 Provide intimate personal care
- 👉 Lift or transfer the resident
- 👉 Administer medication

Why do we have Volunteers?

As a Volunteer, you have time to listen in an unhurried way offering conversation and companionship to our residents. You could assist the residents to tell their life stories while also keeping them informed on what is happening in the local community and beyond.

Sometimes residents feel more comfortable talking to someone who is not emotionally involved, such as family or friends. In some cases, residents no longer have family or do not have family close by who can visit and as a volunteer, you can make help fill that void.

By becoming a volunteer, you'll be making a valuable contribution to society, and you may be surprised at how much you'll receive in return! Many of our volunteers have gained a sense of achievement, lasting memories and positive connections within our caring community.

Come and join us - together we can make a difference to the quality of life of our residents.



How do I get started?

People from all walks of life are welcome whether you are retired, at school working towards a service award or can spare a few hours, we invite you to come and see what a difference you can make with our residents.

We run a thorough orientation programme where you'll be encouraged and supported by caring staff. With a flexible program, we are happy to work with whatever hours you can offer, making it easy for you to reach out and make a difference.

Register your interest as a Leslie Groves Volunteer by emailing us at lgrovesh@ihug.co.nz and be sure to put "Volunteer With Us" in the subject line. Alternatively, if you prefer, you can complete the online form on our website www.lesliegroves.co.nz. All enquiries will be treated in confidence and answered promptly. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Leslie Groves Vision and Values

To respect, demonstrate and uphold Christian values, by providing living options for those who require care, in a compassionate and supportive environment.

We achieve our vision through the commitment of staff and trustees living our values:

1. To recognise and support resident's rights to independence.
2. To endeavour to provide excellent care.
3. To provide compassionate care that respects and preserves the dignity of each individual.
4. To welcome the diversity that people bring.
5. To contribute to the wellbeing of residents through attending to their individual needs, including providing Christian pastoral care.
6. To have a work place that is safe, nurturing and empowering.

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