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Volunteers' recent return to Campbellford Memorial Hospital a big win for the overall patient experience

April 28, 2022 – In honour of National Volunteer Week, Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) is celebrating the impact of its volunteers and the recent return of many volunteers who were not able to be onsite at the Hospital in the earlier waves of the COVID-19 pandemic.

CMH is supported by numerous volunteers who contribute in different ways including:

- The CMH Board of Directors
- The CMH Foundation Board of Directors
- The Auxiliary (The Gift Shop and fundraising events)
- Patient Family Advisory Council
- Foundation events support
- Patient portering (e.g. from Day Surgery to Diagnostic Imaging)
- Pet therapy
- Recreational programming assistance
- Spiritual care visits
- Friendly visits
- Information desk and wayfinding support

"Our volunteers play an integral role in CMH's patient experience, governance, design of patient care solutions, and fundraising," shared Eric Hanna, Interim President and CEO, CMH. "Until the restrictions were eased recently, many of our volunteers could not contribute in the same way that they had before the pandemic. We are thrilled that we can welcome them back to our team, and we can already see the difference they make to the patient experience."

Currently, there are 25 volunteers who have returned to the hospital to support patient care as the Volunteer Program ramps up with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at CMH, please visit: <u>https://cmh.ca/about-cmh/volunteers/how-to-become-a-volunteer</u>.