



The Gathering Place Volunteer Volunteer Position Description

VPAS provides many opportunities for caregivers to connect with others in similar situations through support groups and workshops. Here is yet another means of support that you can help us with by volunteering!

Program Description	The Gathering Place (TGP), provides a safe, caring, and engaging environment for persons living with dementia where each member can connect with others, participate in meaningful activities, and experience joy and fulfillment. Volunteers participate in all activities along with TGP members to provide socialization and individual support for members with more advanced needs. TGP is available each Wednesday from 10:00am – 2:00pm and takes place in the VPAS Waynesboro VPAS office conference room.
What will I be responsible for?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in all activities with TGP members. • Work with TGP Coordinator to schedule volunteer dates and times, attend events as scheduled and on time, and give as much notice as possible if you are unable to attend when scheduled. • Maintain confidentiality. • Interact with persons living with dementia in a manner that supports their dignity and celebrates what they can do.
What is my time commitment?	Volunteers determine their availability but 4 hours each day and no less than once per month is preferred. Two hour shifts can be accommodated but are not preferred.
What skills or abilities do I need?	Volunteers should be comfortable interacting with people living with dementia or be willing to learn.
What will VPAS require of me before I begin to volunteer?	You will need to complete the following forms prior to your orientation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Application • Confidentiality Agreement • Photo Release
What training is required?	VPAS will provide an orientation to the mission vision of VPAS and the programs offered in the community as well as training designed to support the role of a TGP volunteer. After your orientation you will be required to participate in a 1.5 hour recorded training. Practicing active listening and a person centered approach will be modeled by VPAS staff.

Do you have additional questions about the volunteer position or the application process and the documents you have received?

Please reach out to Pam Bennett, Administrative Services Coordinator at 540-949-7141 or pam@vpas.info for further assistance.

Additional information about VPAS can be found at www.vpas.info