

AHVRP Member Spotlight December, 2018



Tina Beasley
Volunteer Coordinator
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We asked Tina these questions.

How many beds does your facility have?

133

How many volunteers does your facility have?

90

How many direct reports do you have?

0

Tell us why you got into health care volunteer resource management.

“The volunteer coordinator position is not really a career that I set out to obtain. Instead, I got involved by working the volunteers with our organization, and then when the volunteer coordinator position opened up, my experiences with volunteers led me in that direction. Having been with our organization for almost 20 years, I have always been so impressed with the dedication of our volunteers. After 15 years at the hospital, I decided to apply for the Volunteer Coordinator position when it became available, and I am so glad I did. Working with this amazingly unique group of people, who have become more like my family, has been more rewarding than I could ever imagine.”

What is your most successful program and why?

“I think that all of our programs are successful, so it's hard to pick just one. However, the program that I have seen the most positive change in would be the junior volunteer program. After being in this position for a year, we restructured the junior volunteer program and it has grown by leaps and bounds since then. Through this highly competitive program, we allow local high school student the opportunity to see first-hand how a hospital operates, as well as offer career exploration and learning opportunities. It's amazing to offer these opportunities, watch the students learn and grow, and then see how many of them return to our facility after college to start their careers. It gives my job a sense of purpose that is unexplainable.”

Any words of wisdom would you would like to share with someone considering this profession?

“Just do it! This profession is very different, extremely challenging, but also overwhelmingly rewarding. The volunteer manager/coordinator is vital to the success of any organization. The job requires you to wear many hats. Working with volunteers can be very challenging and demanding, and though this is a difficult field, I love my job! In this field, I am managing people who do this because they love it, not because they are getting paid to do it. They don't have to be here, they choose to be. I have honestly worked with some of the best people I have ever met in my life!”