

About CWC

Located on 72 beautiful acres on Madison's North side, Central Wisconsin Center is home to about 270 individuals with severe and profound developmental disability as well as significant medical and/or behavioral issues.



In addition to the individuals that live at CWC, another 200 or more Wisconsin residents with developmental disabilities receive short term services each year.

CWC is operated by the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and employs over 800 people.

How to Become a Volunteer at Central Wisconsin Center?

Volunteer opportunities are available any day of the week, morning, afternoon, and/or evening.

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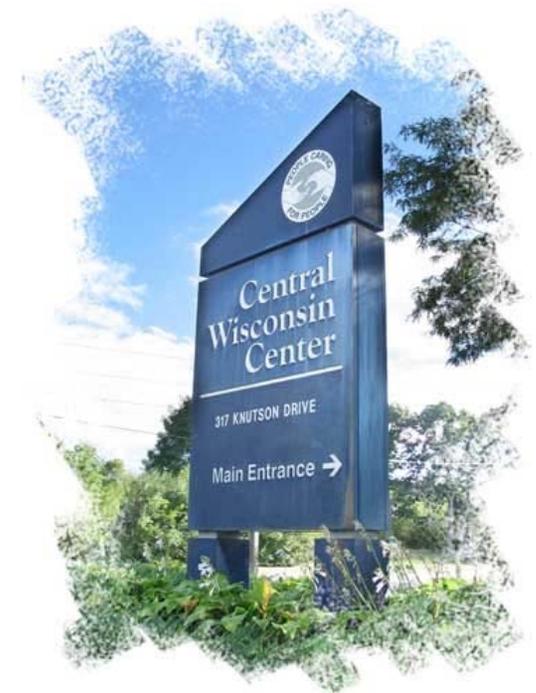
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Volunteer Opportunities

Central Wisconsin Center



People Caring for People

**The Smallest Things Make
the Biggest Difference...**

Volunteering at Central Wisconsin Center (CWC)

The Rewards of Volunteering

- You will have fun!
- A rewarding experience.
- You will have the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of those that live at CWC.
- You will learn about people with developmental disabilities.
- You will develop a friendship with another person.
- You will have the opportunity to interact with nurses, therapists, physicians, social workers, and other health care professionals.
- You can volunteer with your friends or family.
- You will make a difference in someone's life!

Ways to Volunteer

Event Volunteers

Volunteers come to CWC for a specific event, *i.e.*, Santa Night, holidays, school projects, CWC special events, and community service activities. Volunteers in this capacity have a supervisor specific to the activity.

Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)

This is a program that provides older Americans the opportunity to put their life experiences to work. Foster Grandparents serve as mentors to the people who live at CWC. FGP's will receive a stipend, plus monthly transportation reimbursement.

Direct Volunteers

Volunteers work directly with the residents who live here by assisting in programming or as an adjunct to daily activity. Volunteers in this capacity have an immediate supervisor they report to before beginning each shift.

Indirect Volunteers

Volunteers assist the Office of Volunteer Services or other offices with projects but do not have direct contact with the people who live here. Their supervisor is the Volunteer Coordinator or a staff person from the office they work in.

RSVP Volunteers

Volunteers who come to us from RSVP or the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. They must be aged 55 or older. Most of these Volunteers work in the "Coupon Room" cutting and counting Campbell's Labels for Education and General Mills' Box Tops for Education. RSVP Volunteers also work from home making wheelchair bags, quilts or afghans, hats, and mittens or gloves for the people who live at CWC. They may also participate in any other volunteer opportunities at CWC. RSVP of Dane County provides them with additional insurance coverage while on assignment and may reimburse them for travel costs if they wish.

Thursday Night Volunteer Program

Volunteers come each Thursday evening (6:30 – 8:00) during the school year semesters for a period of ten weeks. Most evenings, Volunteer Services schedules a half-hour in-service learning session with a CWC professional designed to increase the Volunteer's awareness of working with people with developmental disabilities. After each learning session Volunteers are paired up with a person who lives here and join in a large group structured activity intended to be fun for everyone.

**Volunteers
do great things
every day!**



Thursday Night Volunteers having fun with Tony Rocker (Elvis impersonator)

Examples of activities include listening to local musicians, making arts and crafts projects, participating in CWC special events, and celebrating holidays.