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Dear current and future Volunteers,

Kittitas Valley Healthcare (KVH) and Hearts & Hands of Kittitas County have partnered to provide essential volunteer services to the hospice clients and families in our area since the inception of Hospice Friends in 1983. We are grateful for that partnership and the meaningful services provided by the generous volunteers in this program.

As stated by Hideki Takei, current President of Hearts & Hands, your commitment to serving hospice patients is crucial and we at KVH will do everything possible to seamlessly integrate you into the KVH Hospice Volunteer program during this time of transition.

If you would like to continue your service, or would like to learn more about the transition, we would like to invite you to come meet the KVH Volunteer Coordinator Kyle West on Monday, February 5, from 11 am to 12:30 pm at the KVH Hospital Conference Room A/B/C located at 603 S. Chestnut St.

Volunteers can apply [online](https://www.kvhealthcare.org/careers/volunteer/) (<https://www.kvhealthcare.org/careers/volunteer/>) or in-person. For questions, please contact Kyle West at 509-962-7322. Also present at this event will be Rhonda Holden, Hearts & Hands Vice President and KVH Chief Ancillary Officer. Rhonda will be able answer any questions you may have about Hospice services and the hospice volunteer program. In her role at KVH Rhonda is responsible for many of the outpatient services of the Hospital, including Hospice.

KVH will be forever grateful to Hearts and Hands Founders Peg Rowbotham and Enid Gage for coming together to fulfill their vision of providing support for the terminally ill through the creation of Hospice Friends. Their desire to fill the gap in the community and provide resources to help people at the end of life, believing strongly that quality of life was vitally important when the quantity of life was limited has touched the lives of thousands of people. We look forward to continuing these services through our partnerships with you, the individuals who generously devote your time to help others.

With sincerest appreciation,

Julie Petersen, CEO
Kittitas Valley Healthcare