

Dear Volunteers,

I hope this message finds you well and that you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season filled with joy, rest, and time with those you cherish. As we begin a new year, it feels especially important to pause and recognize the extraordinary impact you continue to make through your service.

Volunteers truly have hands that serve and hearts that care, and this theme perfectly reflects the spirit you bring to the Council on Volunteer Services and to your hospitals each day. Your hands serve in countless ways—offering comfort, sharing time, supporting patients and families, and stepping in wherever help is needed. Just as important, your caring hearts bring compassion, kindness, and hope to those who need it most.

Your hospitals deeply appreciate your dedication and commitment. The time, energy, and love you give do not go unnoticed. Because of you, patients feel less alone, families feel supported, and hospital staff are strengthened by your partnership and generosity.

Whether your service is highly visible or quietly behind the scenes, every act matters. Your willingness to serve makes a meaningful difference and helps ensure that our mission continues to thrive.

Thank you for all that you do and for the care you so freely give. It is truly an honor to work alongside such devoted and compassionate volunteers.

With sincere appreciation,

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