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## **The Aleda E. Lutz VA Voluntary Service is Recruiting Volunteers**

Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center's Voluntary Service is currently looking for new volunteers to join our team and assist Veterans at our medical center located at 1500 Weiss St, Saginaw, MI 48602. Voluntary Service has three programs available for volunteers to join.

The Red Vest Program provides guidance to Veterans and their families in various locations throughout the medical center. The Red Vest Greeter position is stationed at the main entrance of the medical center greeting Veterans, families and visitors as they enter the facility, as well as providing directions. Other Red Vest opportunities are available on each hospital floor where they would provide Veterans directions or escort them to appointments upon exiting the elevator. Requirements for these volunteer opportunities include friendly individuals with strong customer service skills. Physical requirements include the ability to transport Veterans in wheelchairs weighing up to 350 pounds, if needed. The program operates Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with flexible shifts available.

The second program for volunteers to join is the Patient Escort Program. This program offers Veterans an escort to their appointments, which may include wheelchair transportation. It also entails delivering mail and/or packages to residents staying in our Community Living Center, transporting laboratory samples, and folding/stuffing envelopes on occasion. Requirements for this volunteer opportunity include the ability to transport Veterans in wheelchairs weighing up to 350 pounds and who possess strong customer service skills. The program operates Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with flexible shifts available.

The Parking Lot Shuttle Program is our third volunteer opportunity. We are currently recruiting volunteers to drive VA shuttle vehicles around the VA parking lot to transport patient, families, or visitors to and from entrances to the medical center. Requirements include a valid Michigan drivers license, proof of insurance, and a clean driving record. This position will also require the individual to have a physical examination conducted at the VA.

For more information or if interested, please contact Voluntary Service at 989-497-2500, Extensions 13369 or 13360.

The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC in Saginaw, Michigan operates an 81-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation Community Living Center, with an additional 8-bed acute medicine and telemetry wing. It provides care to over 36,700 Veterans in a 35-county geographic area, from mid-Michigan to the Mackinac Bridge. Veterans also receive care at one of our nine VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics located throughout Michigan. More information about this VA can be found at [www.saginaw.va.gov](http://www.saginaw.va.gov).

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