Aleda E. Lutz VA Celebrates Its Many Dedicated Volunteers

National Volunteer Week (April 24-28) began forty-three years ago in 1974 as a way to recognize and celebrate volunteers. Over the years the emphasis has widened to not only celebrate current volunteers, but also encourage those in the community to volunteer.

President Richard Nixon established National Volunteer Week with an executive order in 1974 and since then, each sitting U.S. President has issued a proclamation during this week urging Americans to give their time to community outreach organizations.

National Volunteer Week is sponsored by the Points of Light Institute, which encourages and organizes volunteerism on a community level. The institute began as a foundation created in response to President George H.W. Bush’s inaugural speech in 1989, urging volunteers and community activists to become “a thousand points of light.”

At the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center, volunteers are part of our family, a valuable component in our efforts to provide the best health care anywhere. And speaking of health, there are huge advantages to your health for those who volunteer. For the full report of all the physical and social benefits check out the link below; https://www.nationalservice.gov/serve-your-community/benefits-volunteering/

If you have some spare time and a heart for Veterans, please stop in to inquire at the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center, 1500 Weiss Street, in Saginaw. Voluntary Service is located in Room 1360 on the first floor of the medical center. You may also call 989-497-2500, Extension 13360. We look forward to hearing from you!

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 35,400 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.

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