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A Day in the Life of a Junior Volunteer

Delivering menus, answering phones, and connecting callers with patients were just a few of the tasks a junior volunteer could perform. What was a junior volunteer? Junior volunteers were teenaged boys or girls, dressed in uniform, walking the halls of Colleton Regional Hospital. "Volunteers are very important to both the staff and the patients," commented supervisor Kay Eley. Volunteers helped the staff by giving the patients ice water and delivering their menus. They also worked at the Lobby Desk, answering phones and connecting a patient with callers. They also took prescriptions down to the pharmacy and ran many other errands to help the staff.

Usually volunteers gave up one free day a week after school to work. Students who had more time, worked as many as three days a week. On their day, volunteers gave as much as three hours of their time. Melissa Cook worked Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Occasionally Melissa would work on Mondays if she had free time.

Before becoming a volunteer, students went through a one-hour orientation and were given a handbook. After they started as volunteers, they were not on their own. They worked with a more experienced volunteer so that they could get accustomed to their duties.

— Amy Zielke



Several times during the year Mrs. Eley meets with all the Junior Volunteers. They discuss the new menus in the private dining room at the Colleton Regional Hospital.



Junior Volunteer Melanie Farley cuts out ornaments for the Christmas tree in the Main Lobby of the hospital.

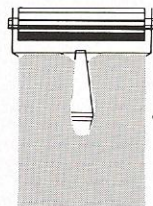
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