

“Jesus Time” Disabled Worship Service Volunteers

PURPOSE: The purpose of “Jesus Time” is to reach out to people with disabilities and their care givers in our area by sharing the Christian faith with them, and then encouraging them to join Jesus in His redeeming and restoring work. This is done by providing them with God’s Word, care and prayerful support as they cope with their disabilities.



MINISTRY RESPONSIBLE TO AND SUPPORTED BY:

This ministry is a partnership with the Voice of Care organization, and is coordinated by Rev. Chris Browne of VOC. St. Peter ministry staff helps guide the program, primarily Rev. Randy Rozelle.

JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: This program focuses on providing worship and devotion times for disabled people, usually in a group setting, as with the Clearbrook and Meadows Centers, both in Rolling Meadows, IL.

There are number of jobs and responsibilities for volunteers:

- Point leader: coordinate roles and responsibilities of ministry team
- Bible Story leader: select the Bible story and lead the lesson.
- Song leader: selects songs and leads in the singing of the songs
- Prayer leader: takes prayer requests and prays at the worship gatherings.
- Partner Support: attends the worship gatherings and assists the disabled individuals.

TIME COMMITMENT: A one-year commitment is requested. The time varies from week to week and job to job, but it generally is a few hours per week. Worship times are generally on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 3:00 PM at Meadows and 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 4:30 PM at Clearbrook Commons.

TRAINING: Volunteers will:

- Be equipped through provided reading materials and resources
- Train "on-the-job," by observing the current leaders' words and actions and adapting them to suit the individual prospective leaders' gifts and abilities

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS: The skills are primarily based on your mindset:

- Be most happy in situations where there is needed spiritual Christ-focused care and support for people with disabilities and their care givers
- Be a kind, compassionate person who can minister to special needs individuals by offering them a listening ear and words of encouragement and comfort.
- Be a faithful, able and teachable volunteer that will work together with the pastor and other support volunteers and staff.
- an additional useful skill is the ability to lead singing, either by a strong voice and ability to choose a suitable 'pitch' for songs or by playing a portable instrument such as guitar or accordion.)
- All volunteers must be certified through a screening process and background check

BENEFITS TO THE VOLUNTEER: These volunteers join Jesus in His redemption and restoration of those individuals who have a learning or physical disability. They participate in the caring and healing ministry of Christ, offering an open heart and listening ear to those in need, and thus, growing in skills of compassion and mercy.