

Volunteer spotlight

Jim Ward



Volunteer for 28 years

Children's Hospital New Orleans

My favorite memory volunteering

Upon orders from Dr. Nadell, I would share a few beers every night with a 20-year-old patient. The patient was a quadriplegic and Dr. Nadell thought the beers might help his kidneys as well as his socialization.

My inspiration to volunteer

It started as a high school Key club project, and I realized that I could make a difference for the patients and their families.

My favorite part of volunteering

Seeing the patients enjoy themselves despite medical complications. If I can get the parents to laugh or smile that is a definite plus.

My little something extra

I love helping people. I was a "hospital Dad" for 10 years as two of my children battled an incurable genetic illness. I used many of the skills I picked up at CHNOLA in their care until they both passed away at the age of 10. I use my experience as a hospital dad to interact with the patients & their parents and offer encouragement and support.

Why I'm extra-ordinary

I have lots of experience with families facing medical challenges from my own family struggles.

My day job

I work full time and I have been married for 34 years. House, car, and spouse maintenance tends to fill up any extra time.



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