



VOLUNTEER POLICY: REGISTERED DRAGONFLIES

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The Dragonfly Foundation is grateful for the support we receive from the families we serve. We are honored that so many active Dragonflies have offered their time and talent to the organization. In trying to do right by our Dragonfly families, we want to be sure that we always consider their needs before our own. We also want to protect our Dragonflies, our organization and its supporters.

Definition of an active Dragonfly (Family): Any cancer or bone marrow transplant patient (and their siblings/offspring, parents/caregivers who reside in the same household as a family), who has registered with The Dragonfly Foundation through a partner hospital -- within the time frame of the patient's diagnosis until they have been 5-years free of their disease or post bone marrow transplant.

Dragonflies often want to increase their level of support of The Dragonfly Foundation by becoming a volunteer. Doing so, it has been said, provides them with something they can do, achieve, and control. However, it may be difficult for a Dragonfly to do so, due to logistics, illness, infection control, liability and the emotional and psychological effects of the treatment journey. We believe that it is very difficult for a Dragonfly (patient, sibling, parent/caregiver) to **regularly** volunteer in **certain** roles until the patient is at least 2 years out of treatment.

Available Volunteer Opportunities:

Roles for a Dragonfly parent/caregiver or patient (over the age of 21) who is in active treatment:

- Patient/family Event Ambassador: someone to welcome and introduce the organization and its community to new families attending the same patient/family event.
- One-off Support Needs: such as envelope stuffing or delivery/errand running.
- Speaking Engagements
- Representative at Fundraiser

Roles for a Dragonfly following active treatment, but before the patient's two years NED:

- Patient/family Event Ambassador: someone to welcome and introduce the organization and its community to new families attending the same patient/family event.
- One-off Events: such as envelope stuffing or delivery/errand running.
- Fundraising event staffing, as long as the patient is not in attendance.
- Ticket distribution at patient event they are already attending, provided there is an additional caregiver who can escort the family to their seats while other waits for other Dragonflies.

Roles for a Dragonfly 2 or more years out of active treatment:

- Any role they desire as a volunteer

After much consideration, we also decided against allowing a Dragonfly to volunteer if their children were in attendance, either at an event or at The Landing. If a parent were to volunteer while their child was participating as a Dragonfly, the parent's attention would not be on protecting their own child.

We hope that our families understand how much we appreciate their willingness to support The Dragonfly Foundation. We also hope they will provide assistance to us by telling everyone they know about the organization. Someone they know will volunteer, another will donate/sponsor and another will tell a friend,

Origin of the Policy

The Dragonfly Foundation adopted this policy with input from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.