



National
Multiple Sclerosis
Society
Ohio Buckeye
Chapter

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

FRIENDLY VISITOR / PEER SUPPORT

Key Responsibilities:

- ✿ Supporting a person with progressed MS who is in need of companionship
- ✿ Provide information about MS, the Chapter and community resources
- ✿ Maintain complete confidentiality

Impact

- ✿ Strengthen relationship with Society and those clients and staff in long-term care facilities, as well as clients socially isolated in their homes

Sustained Outcome

- ✿ Moving toward a world free of MS

Training

- ✿ Initial 2 hour in-person training
- ✿ One continuing education training session over the course of the year and each year afterwards

Support

- ✿ Society staff and volunteers

Commitment

- ✿ One-year commitment required; one visit per month is expected
- ✿ Keep accurate records of phone calls and visits; submit reports in a timely matter
- ✿ Dependent upon number of requests for visits

Qualifications

- ✿ If Volunteer has MS, they must be diagnosed for at least two years
- ✿ Must be 18 years old & background check is required
- ✿ Excellent listening and communication skills
- ✿ Ability to travel to client facilities and homes