

Non-Medical Volunteers

Our non-medical volunteers are primarily Rotarians from Rotary Districts and/or Rotary Clubs interested in sponsoring a trip. We ask that our non-medical volunteers' commitment to Iowa MOST go beyond the scope of the immediate medical mission. Volunteers are needed to help expand our efforts to help children by creating public awareness of the program here in Iowa.

Non-medical volunteer responsibilities may be shared with other team members or changed during the course of the medical mission. Flexibility is an important quality for a volunteer because the hours will be very long and demanding. Volunteers should be in good physical health.

While the medical staff is responsible for the surgeries, the duties of the non-medical include acting as ambassadors of good will with our hosts.

Team Positions

Medical Professionals

Plastic Surgeons

Anesthesiologists

Pediatricians

Head Nurse

Operating Room Nurses

Recovery Room Nurses

Nurse Assistant

Bio-medical Engineer

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Team Leader

Supply Clerk/Quarter Master

Medical Records Coordinator

Pediatric Ward Assistant

Recovery Room Assistant

Translator

Photo-journalist

Non Medical Volunteer Job Descriptions

Team Leader: The Team Leader supervises the smooth flow of operations. Included in the responsibilities is facilitating communication among the team and between the team members and our hosts. S/he takes care of assigning tasks to the non-medical staff and making sure that the medical team is able to function efficiently and with as little stress as possible. In addition, the Team Leader handles communications with the local media and acts as an ambassador of goodwill.

Translator: The translator acts as a liaison between the medical staff and the patients, families and local hosts (hospital personnel and administration as well as local Rotarians), whenever necessary. **High level of fluency is a must.**

Supply Clerk/Quartermaster: The Supply Clerk /Quartermaster Coordinates the moving of equipment and boxes from the United States to the host country. S/he deals with customs agents, counting of boxes and supplies, and unpacking of equipment and supplies upon arrival. Also responsible for operation of on site supply room and issuing of supplies to medical personnel during mission. Helps with disposition of materials/supplies and storage of equipment at end of mission.

Photo Journalist: The Photojournalist records the trip, takes both film and slide photos, and communicates back to the United States a record of what is occurring. Keeping a journal of events for later summary to the media is important. The person provides Iowa MOST with scripted slide shows, photos, and personal stories of patients. Knowledge of the language is helpful.

Pediatric Assistant. The Pediatric Assistant assists the Pediatrician by holding and comforting children, and families of patients. Spanish fluency is an asset.

Recovery Room Assistant: Recovery Room Assistants assist the Recovery Room Nurses. Assistants in the Recovery Room area help the Recovery Room nurses. They may comfort a child or a parent, run errands for the Recovery Room nurses, or serve in any way they can to allow the medical personnel to function effectively Spanish fluency is an asset.

Record Keeper: The Record Keeper keeps track of all records. Spanish fluency is helpful.