



## Eisenhower Volunteers Reach FIVE MILLION hours of Giving

Volunteers at Eisenhower Medical Center have provided comfort and care to patients and visitors for nearly 45 years. In that time, they have given an astounding five million hours of community service — an incredible accomplishment by thousands of Volunteers who have contributed their valuable support over the past four decades.

What began in 1969 as a small gathering for tea in Dolores Hope's Palm Springs home has grown into one of the most successful volunteer organizations of its kind in the world — the Eisenhower Medical Center Auxiliary. And, the Volunteers have been there every step of the way.

“Even before the first patients were admitted, Eisenhower Volunteers acted as ‘patients’ when the staff was being oriented,” notes Rhiannon Howell, Director, Volunteer Services. “Since then, Volunteers have served in all areas and departments throughout the campus and at its off-site facilities.”

As Eisenhower Medical Center has grown, Volunteers have continued to be a consistent and necessary support in its growth. Each and every day, Volunteers support the staff, providing much needed and invaluable assistance to patients and visitors. “Their unseen acts of kindness and caring make Eisenhower Medical Center a better place,” Howell continues.

Revenues from Collectors Corner — the Auxiliary's resale store located in Rancho Mirage, the Margaret Sticklen Gift Shops and the annual Five Star Gala (formerly Holiday voices) continue to be major sources of funding for the Auxiliary. The Volunteers' tireless devotion, along with the dedication of the staff, is integral to their success. Because of the hard work and dedication of Eisenhower Volunteers and Auxiliary members, more than \$22 million has been raised for Eisenhower Medical Center's programs and services since 1969.

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