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## **Tennessee's long-term care facilities to honor volunteers**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nursing home and assisted care living facility (ACLF) members of the Tennessee Health Care Association (THCA)/Tennessee Center for Assisted Living (TNCAL) are hosting events recognizing volunteers in celebration of National Volunteer Week April 18-24. Long-term care providers across the state will invite volunteers to recognition events or special meals and present them with tokens of appreciation from certificates and pins to gift cards and T-shirts.

Countless individuals, schools, churches and civic groups donate their time and talents to improving the lives of the elderly and disabled across Tennessee. From assisting with activities like bingo and crafts to providing entertainment through music, dancing and theatrical performances, these men, women and children provide many hours of volunteer service.

“During National Volunteer Week, I want to join our members in thanking the many volunteers who serve in Tennessee’s nursing homes and assisted living facilities,” said Ron Taylor, executive director of THCA. “These special people prove that caring never goes out of style by giving time out of their busy schedules to touch lives and help those in need. Their contributions are invaluable to the communities they serve.”

Both groups and individual volunteers assist with birthday parties, entertaining, decorating for the holidays, and reading, ministering or visiting with residents. Opportunities to volunteer at long-term care facilities are numerous and can be done on a regular basis, special occasion or just once; those wanting more information on volunteering should contact their local nursing home or ACLF.

Since 1974, National Volunteer Week has honored people who dedicate themselves to improving their communities through service. It is sponsored by the Points of Light Institute. For more information on National Volunteer Week, visit [www.handsonnetwork.org](http://www.handsonnetwork.org).

THCA/TNCAL is a nonprofit organization representing long-term care facilities located throughout the state. For more information about Tennessee's nursing homes and ACLFs, contact THCA at (615) 834-6520 or visit [www.thca.org](http://www.thca.org).

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