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NMMC SEEKS TEEN VOLUNTEERS FOR SUMMER PROGRAM

TUPELO, Miss.-The Volunteer Services Department of North Mississippi Medical Center is seeking applications for its summer volunteer program.

This program is designed for students who may be interested in pursuing a career in health care or who simply would like to make a difference in someone's life. Eligible students must have completed the ninth-12th grades by June 1, 2010.

Volunteer opportunities abound in many areas of NMMC, including nursing, cardiac rehabilitation, pharmacy, rehabilitation services (physical, occupational and speech-language therapy), infusion services, Cancer Center and Family Medicine Residency Center. Baldwyn Nursing Facility, Baldwyn Wellness Center and Pontotoc Wellness Center are also volunteer sites.

"Although no student can administer any form of direct patient care, they can certainly help with comfort measures for patients and also see how the hospital works," said Carla Enis, NMMC Volunteer Services director.

Application deadline is March 31, and applications are available at area school guidance offices or from the NMMC Volunteer Services Department. Students are also required to submit a cumulative grade report with their application.

Finalists will be interviewed and notified of selection. Students selected for the program will be assigned specific work hours and expected to keep their schedule with the exception of illness or vacation.

For more information about the summer volunteer program, call Enis at (662) 377-3131 or 1-800-THE DESK (1-800-843-3375).