

**STUDENT
VOLUNTEERS
AT
MAIMONIDES
HOSPITAL II**

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Did it have to rain
in New York City today
why not tomorrow

The rainbow is out
that means the sun will come out
tomorrow again

Today we have fun
talking about poetry
with Paul Rotondo

Tommy is crazy
Veronica is sleepy
Cory is the man

Corinne is smiling
Carlyle is just parlaying
Corrine needs a man

We are all laughing
We are laughing at Cory
And that is the end.

Sean Bermudez

The reason why I came to VTC was to change the way I look at school. I think that coming here was the best thing I did in all my school years because this program makes me want to learn and at the same time I don't have as much pressure like in regular school.

Edgar Cruz

Thanksgiving Days

My Thanksgiving day I worked at Macy's. It was a crazy day for me. I had to cut up paper, go up the elevator about five times, clean up a spill. Then I stayed outside sweeping up a little. Then when the parade was finished, we had to sweep the street at Macy's. And then I cleaned the floor I always clean. I came back about 3:00 in the morning because two workers were playing around so my boss told them to go home and we worked in shifts.

Michael Cruz

My first time in a hospital was when I started up with VTC. It was all right, but I do not like the smell. It gives me a stomach ache and makes me nauseous and feel sick. Besides I can't stand it. Sometimes it makes me want to get up and walk out and whatever is in my way I will take it down and keep going until I get outside.

Carlyle Hall

I remember the first time I came here to VTC. After I went to my work site, Maimonides Hospital, I was kind of scared because I never worked at a hospital before. After a while I got used to working here and I started to learn many things about patients and the hospital.

Andy Lau

When I was in the hospital for the first time I was scared because I saw a lot of sick patients and a lot of doctors and nurses. I was in the hospital because I had a kidney problem. I had to stay in the hospital for two or three weeks.

Tomi Marshall

The first time I walked into this hospital was when my cousin was here when he was a baby for an operation. The second time was when my godfather was in because he was walking with his golf shoes on and fell down while going to the elevator.

Debbie Nilsen

I work in the hospital. I work in the pharmacy. I have a very nice boss and I have had a good experience. We all get along good.

Corinne Rodriguez

When I was young I had my tonsils pulled out. When they were taking me to the operating room I was so scared I started crying, yelling for my mother to come with me. When it was done I was in pain. My throat was killing me, but the nurses took care of me and they always gave me jello and ice cream. That was the best.

Veronica Rodriguez

I had my father in this hospital and I did not like the way they took care of him because every time I came to see him I would ask him did he eat, and he said no. And the nurses were not clean. If he had to stay in a hospital again I would not want him to come here.

Zenelly Tejada

My first experience in a hospital was when I was 9 years old when I broke my arm and I was there for two weeks in my country, the Dominican Republic.

I was crying because I was there by myself and I wanted to be with my family. They used to visit me, but I was upset because it wasn't the same thing as being in my house.