

Volunteering at Cobble Hill Nursing Home



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Advocacy

Timothy Gonzalez

Volunteering is not a convenience or a luxury
Made up of hard work, dedication,
Many times people are afraid
Of what they don't know.
At times they have reason to
Have fear
Just as FDR once said,
"You've nothing to fear except fear itself,"
I had these feelings when I began
Volunteering at Cobble Hill Nursing Home
It was a convenience for me because
It was close to home, but this is
Now like a second home to me.
I learned that the elderly are not
Another statistic. They are people.
They enjoy jokes and having fun
Just like teenagers and young adults
I have learned to have two important
Virtues:
Patience and compassion
The things I learned at the site have made me
A better man and all around person.

How Does It Feel To Be Working With The Elderly? Uwani Harbison

Working with the elderly has been the most exciting job that I've ever had and I feel proud to be volunteering my time to work with them. In addition to working with them, I also feel proud to be around the elderly and giving them a spirit of comfort when they're feeling sad and glum. In a way I feel like a shining light that comes around every day to brighten someone's day whomever they might be. By working here at Cobble Hill Nursing Home I'm not only offering my support to the elderly, but I'm offering them something that is just as rewarding - my friendship. Where ever I go only one thing has ever mattered to me the most and that is making as many new friends as I can. Whether the person is young, old or the same age as me, having friends is all that matters to me.

My Experience As A Volunteer Georgena Santiago

Being a volunteer at Cobble Hill Nursing Home is very enjoyable as well as educational. I've been with the V.T.C. program for about 6 months and dealing with Alzheimer Disease residents has given me a different aspect on life itself. I'm 19 years old and my goal is to become a nurse in the LPN field.

Volunteering for Cobble Hill isn't just a place I can kill time or take as a joke; you learn to have patience, an open heart and give as much love as you can to those around you. Before I became a volunteer life to me was useless and I honestly felt that I wasn't doing what I really wanted to do. But now it's a whole different story.

All I would like to say to students in or out of New York State is "Don't let life pass you by." Be all that you can be, and enjoy it to the full extent. Volunteering is a work of magic!

What I Like About VTC Tamika Keitt

It gives me a lot to think about here and it also helps me learn more about the residents and makes me feel happy about myself.

I like working very hard to become a nurse and working with a lot of people and getting them well. I also like helping the residents build up their self esteem and keeping the residents very happy.

Georgette Webster

People might think that the VTC is not a real high school, but it is if anything better because in the VTC you get more one on one. There are fewer people in a class. That's the reason most of the people are here - because they didn't feel that they got enough attention. Don't think that the VTC is for dumb or stupid people; there are some really smart people here.

Tanya Bryant

I don't know what it is he wants us to write about. But I guess if I try hard I will come up with something. I guess I could write about the work here. I've learned a lot in the past two years that I've been here. You can learn so much about older people. You can also learn about how you can take care of them. When I go to see my great grandmother I want to bless her so much to see her at that age and haven't yet. She hasn't been put in a nursing home.

Juleen Percy

I am not here for food or the style of it. I am here to feed and take care of the elderly. It's a very nice experience and I wish to further my education and become a registered nurse. After becoming a nurse I am looking forward to becoming a doctor and am not about to give up on myself. I've reached too far to turn back now and the best way to do it is to keep on going til I reach the top.

Timothy Gonzalez

To experience death is
To know the living
To fear the grim
Is to know the meaning of evil
To feel for the living is to experience purity of life.
For it creeps upon us like the
Style of poverty
As the first shadow at the time of dusk
Of the knowing
Like the mind of the brilliant.
For because of death; we can not live.
Death can also be translated to hate
Where there is hate; the host lacks love.
Just emptiness, darkness, dementia, and
Insanity
Behind hate there is only the
Dominions of Lucifer awaiting a chance
To pick at your dreams, destroy your live,
And drag your soul to the darkness of the
Underworld
Death is constantly upon us to remind us
Of the evil within every black alley

Love is here to help us forget
Love keeps the earth on its rotation
Hate, Death, and evil keep it on its axis
But without the positive of love
Or the negative of hate
The world would be
Out of control!!!

Georgena Santiago

To everyone in or out of NY State I would like to say that a mind is a terrible thing to waste. To all you students who think life is a joke; it isn't. As for me being a volunteer at Cobble Hill Nursing Home, I enjoy it very much. Don't let anything or anyone interfere with what you would like to achieve in life.

Right now my goals are to become a Licensed Practical Nurse and do what I love to do. I'm not planning on letting my life slip away cause of the place I live in.

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