Volunteer Role Profile

Volunteer Role	**Volunteer Material Memory Maker**
Volunteer Manager	**Activities and Engagement Lead**
Where you will be based	**Hospice**

Why we want you

At Chestnut Tree House, making memories for families is at the heart of what we do. Our Material Memories service gives families a special way to remember a loved one by turning treasured clothing into memory bears and other keepsakes.

We're looking for experienced sewing volunteers who can help create these meaningful items. Using clothes that hold special memories, you'll make memory bears from a provided pattern, working from briefs prepared by our support workers to ensure the keepsakes include the parts of the clothing that are most important to each family.

This role is ideal for experienced needle workers who have their own sewing machine and are happy to work on projects at home. We hold monthly sewing groups, where you'll receive materials, chat through briefs, and meet other volunteers (you'll need to bring your machine with you). There may also be opportunities to help repair and restore memory blankets for the children and young people who use Chestnut Tree House.

What you will be doing

- Creating memory bears and other keepsakes from donated clothing using a provided pattern
- Attending monthly sewing groups (10am to 1pm) to collect materials and receive new briefs
- Repairing blankets for our children and young people

The skills you need

- Highly skilled needle workers
- Proficient in reading and following sewing patterns
- Able to follow instructions from family support workers on families wishes
- Be able to carry out pattern placement
- Be confident sewing tight curves as there will be intricate detail around the snout, ears, paws, and crotch seams
- Knowledge in using fusible interfacing
- Excellent hand-sewing for closure of the bear stuffing gaps

What's in it for you

- Knowing the impact creating a material memory has for families
- Working alongside other like minded volunteers
- Opportunity for regular meet ups
- Make a meaningful difference to families
- Be part of a friendly, supportive, and compassionate team

Disclaimer

We are committed to protecting and keeping you safe. Therefore, we have a comprehensive selection, checking and ongoing management process in place. A Disclosure and Barring check may be necessary for this role, which we will carry out. All mandatory training must be completed, and our policies and procedures complied with.