

About the Program

Developed by the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Englewood Health, the Visiting Hearts program offers a way for prospective patients to meet with former patients who have undergone a similar cardiac surgery.

The program's volunteers meet with patients during preadmission testing and recovery. This gives patients an opportunity to address any concerns or questions they may have about what to expect after the procedure and throughout the rehabilitation process.

The Visiting Hearts program helps alleviate a patient's concerns through the support of someone who can relate directly to his or her condition and emotions. The program sets itself apart from many other similar programs by offering this compassionate support on an individual level.



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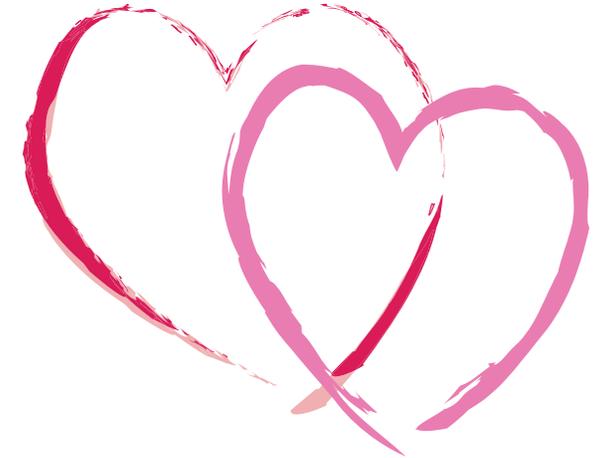
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Visiting Hearts

Peer-to-Peer Support for Cardiac Surgery Patients



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Who Can Volunteer

The program is open to all former and present patients who had cardiac surgery at Englewood Health.

Support for Your Family

A Visiting Hearts volunteer addresses the concerns of not only the patient but also those of their family and friends as well. Volunteers help the patient's family better understand what their loved one is going through and what they can do to make the patient comfortable and help them through the healing process.

Expert Care Plus Peer Support

Our highly experienced cardiothoracic surgery team provides the highest level of quality and safety. We also do our best to make your cardiac surgical experience as stress-free as possible from the time you enter our medical center and throughout your recovery.

We understand that you and your family members will have many questions about your cardiac surgery. And we understand how important it is that you get the right answers. Many times, however, the right answers are not enough. Sometimes you need to discuss your concerns with someone who has been through the same experience. Sometimes it really helps to see and hear our true success stories. We hope having our former patients share their experience with you will ease the anxiety you and your family may be experiencing.

Interested in Learning More?

If you have an upcoming cardiac surgery at Englewood Health and would like to speak with a Visiting Hearts volunteer, please call 201-894-3636.

If you are interested in becoming a Visiting Hearts volunteer, please call Robyn Giaccone, Office Manager of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, at 201-894-3636.

What Our Volunteers Say



Front row: John Scanlon; cardiac surgery team members Ivette Maldonado, Robyn Giaccone, and Barbara Grygotis; Martin Kornheiser. Back row: Victor Sasson, Albert Spiegel, Anthony Mazza, and Robert Rabkin.

“Get your questions answered by someone who has already been down the road. I did and the discussion helped both me and my wife. It was good to know what to expect by hearing from a patient who experienced the process. Let one of us allay your concerns and tell you what life is like after surgery. I think you will be glad you did.”

— ALBERT SPIEGEL

“I enjoy telling heart patients their future will be bright.”

— VICTOR SASSON

“Speaking with the prospective patients, I am able to convey to them my personal experience as a patient and hopefully allay any fears they may have.”

— JOHN SCANLON

“Want to have a heart-to-heart talk about your upcoming surgery? Then contact us.”

— ANTHONY MAZZA

