



# Tara Home

Compassionate Care for the End of Life

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TARA HOME offers a place to live and compassionate care for those who are near the end of life and who need more care than their family and friends are able to provide. We accept applicants and volunteers, regardless of religious denomination and will make every effort to meet the individual's spiritual needs.

## Volunteer Application

Please complete this application, including the Confidentiality Agreement on the last page, and email to [info@tarahome.org](mailto:info@tarahome.org) or mail to Tara Home P.O. Box 1631, Soquel, CA 95073.

Please include two written recommendations whom we may contact.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Tara Home?

Tarahome.org    Friend    Brochure/Postcard    Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a car at your disposal?   Yes / No (please circle)

Are you presently working? Yes / No   If so, Full or Part time?

What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact your present employer for a reference? Yes / No

Employer name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you presently in school? Yes / No   If so, Full or Part time?

What is your course of study? \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact your present instructor for a reference? Yes / No

Instructor name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any physical limitations?

Do you have previous volunteer experience? If so, please describe:

What do you look for in volunteer experience?

Please reference what type of volunteer work you would like to contribute, and if you have special skills in the following areas:

Health care: \_\_\_\_\_

Counseling: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Management: \_\_\_\_\_

Office work: \_\_\_\_\_

Fund raising: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Outreach: \_\_\_\_\_

Event planning: \_\_\_\_\_

Typically, each volunteer gives 4 hours of time each week when we have a resident.

It is not necessary to be Buddhist in order to volunteer at Tara Home. However, we do expect and encourage volunteers to have a spiritual practice. Please describe your spiritual/meditation practice:

Have you recently experienced a loss through death? If so please describe briefly:

Have you spent time with someone very sick and/or dying? If so, please describe briefly:

We always practice universal precautions. Sometimes our volunteers work with people with HIV/AIDS as well as other illnesses and concerns. Describe your feelings about what it may be like for you to be with people with these serious illnesses.

What kinds of patients or situations do you anticipate having the most difficulty working with and why?

What are your feelings about and understanding of pain management?

Why have you chosen Tara Home over other volunteer opportunities?

Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself, your personal goals or ethics?

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Per State Law, new volunteers may be required to submit to a criminal background check.

Thank you for considering Tara Home as an opportunity for volunteering and service. We appreciate the time and thought involved in completing this form.

The information submitted on this form is for Tara Home use only; and will remain confidential.

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### **Confidentiality Agreement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by the following policy:

As the purpose of Tara Home is to provide a safe, loving environment for end of life care, utmost discretion must be maintained concerning the affairs of each resident, their family, friends, and care providers. Except to the extent disclosure is made pursuant to any governmental requirement or otherwise required by law, all information regarding resident, resident's family and all affairs concerning resident's mental and physical health and treatment shall be regarded as confidential.

No information is to be imparted to any person, group, or media representative, without prior approval of the Executive Director. I understand that failure to uphold to this policy is grounds for immediate dismissal, and possible prosecution by law.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_