



# Volunteer Profile

## Methodist Specialty Care Center

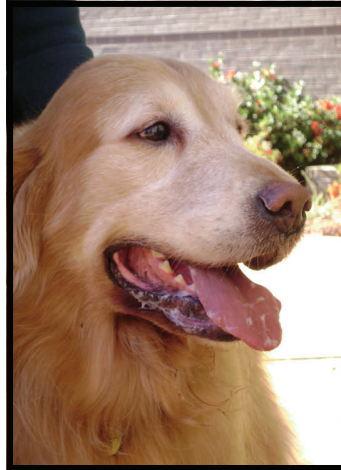
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#### What do you do for Methodist Specialty Care Center?

I am a four-footed furry canine volunteer who delights in visiting all of my friends at Methodist Specialty Care Center. Being a Golden Retriever, I have never met a person I did not like. All of the residents and staff at Methodist Specialty Care are all very special to me. I have also made friends with some of the residents' family members. The younger children and their parents are always amazed that I really enjoy being petted—especially my ears and tail. They are always as happy to see me as I am happy to visit with them! My “chauffeur”—Anita—tells funny stories about my wild, mischievous younger years which can be embarrassing at times. However, when everyone is smiling, I am definitely one happy, tail wagging Golden.



Pet Therapy Trainer, Anita Bonner, Tripper, Pet Therapy Dog and SCC resident George Haden enjoy each others company during a recent visit.

#### Why do you volunteer at Methodist Specialty Care Center?

Actually, Anita is the one who thought Methodist Specialty Care would be a good place for us to visit. She works nearby, and noticed many of the residents outside on warm, sunny days. Since some of the residents might miss their own dogs, we thought our visits could bring cheer to them without their having to worry about dog “duties”—feeding, vet visits, and outdoor breaks!

#### What do you do when you are not volunteering?

I enjoy taking long peaceful naps when my canine brother, Barkley, who is a Sheltie, is not pestering me to play or trying to herd me to a new location. I love to party, especially if food is involved. Long walks and rides to the park are great, especially if we meet new people. Being a sporting dog, I actually enjoy baths and retrieving all sorts of things (although Anita is not very happy when I pull up shrubs and leave them for her at the back door).

#### For me, there’s nothing more fun than...

Being petted and bringing joy to everyone.

#### Your philosophy of life:

Live, Love, Laugh (or at least grin)—enjoy each moment, do not worry about yesterday or tomorrow, and greet everyone with grace and acceptance.

*“Methodist Specialty Care Center is a residential facility providing long-term specialized care for severely disabled younger residents whose social and medical needs are too complex and unique for traditional nursing homes.”*

At Methodist Specialty Care Center our dedicated volunteers are an essential part of our team. Each day, they visit residents in their rooms and work closely with staff to provide much-needed services. There are more than 60 volunteers per week at Methodist Specialty Care Center, providing services to the residents, staff and families. Adult volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum on 4 hours of service each week. Student volunteers are ask to commit 6 month of service.

Volunteer applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Demonstrate a sincere desire to be of service
- Have adequate time to devote to the volunteer program
- Be of good moral character

If you would like to make a difference in someone's life by volunteering at Methodist Specialty Care Center, contact Robby Scucchi, certified director of volunteer services, at (601) 420-7769 or by email at [rscucchi@mmrc rehab.org](mailto:rscucchi@mmrc rehab.org).

