

Volunteer Opportunities Overview

Dance for the Cure is a 100% volunteer-run organization, and we couldn't do what we do without the dedication and generosity of our amazing volunteers. Below are several ways you can get involved to make a meaningful impact on the lives of local breast cancer patients.

Basket Creation

Basket Genies

These creative volunteers assemble themed baskets that become the highlight of *Ribbons of Hope*, Dance for the Cure's annual fundraising event. Working at *Basket Central*, they carefully design and arrange beautiful gift baskets with donated items.

- **Skills Needed:** Creativity, organization, and an eye for presentation.
- **Location:** Basket Central, 6 Kirby Avenue, Somerville, NJ.
- **Time Commitment:** Flexible; August to October ahead of Ribbons of Hope.

Basket Helper Bees

If crafting baskets isn't your thing, you can still support the *Basket Genies* by taking on essential prep tasks like unboxing donations, sorting supplies, and handling logistics.

- **Skills Needed:** Ability to organize, sort, and assist where needed.
- **Location:** Basket Central, 6 Kirby Avenue, Somerville, NJ.
- **Time Commitment:** Flexible; help as needed.

Ribbons of Hope

Lead-Up to the Event

A lot of prep work goes into making *Ribbons of Hope* a success! Volunteers assist in:

- Mailing invitations.
- Setting up *Basket Central* and sorting inventory.
- Organizing supplies and ensuring baskets are event-ready.
- **Time Commitment:** Various shifts in the weeks prior to the event.

Solicit for Donations

Help secure donations for *Ribbons of Hope* by reaching out to businesses, friends, and community members. Prizes for baskets, gift cards, and monetary donations are all needed.

- **Skills Needed:** Communication, networking, and outreach.
- **Time Commitment:** Ongoing throughout the year.

Event Day Volunteer Roles

On the big day, many hands are needed to ensure everything runs smoothly. Roles include:

- **Loading & Transporting:** Load baskets on trucks for the move to the venue.
- **Set-Up Crew:** Adorn tables with programs, decorations, and prepare the event space.
- **Raffle Team:** Sell raffle tickets and line up baskets for distribution.
- **Guest Assistance:** Help direct hallway traffic and assist attendees.
- **Clean-Up Crew:** Pack up inventory and supplies at the end of the evening.
- **Location:** Bridgewater Marriott, 700 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.
- **Time Commitment:** Event day (various shifts available).

Pink Bow Project

Each year, volunteers handcraft and distribute large pink bows throughout Hillsborough, Flemington and Raritan in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

How it Works

In September, Pink Bow Project supplies are picked up by volunteers, with bow assembly taking place at their own home and at their own pace. Exact date TBD.

- **Supply Pick-up:** Pick up supplies at Joanne Licovitz's office:
Coldwell Banker Realty, 716 US-206, Hillsborough Township, NJ 08844.
- **Distribution:** Volunteers distribute bows to assigned businesses.
- **October:** Towns are fully decorated!
- **Skills Needed:** Basic crafting (cutting, folding, and twisting pipe cleaners).
- **Materials:** Provided to volunteers at pick-up.
- **Time Commitment:** Light schedule throughout September.

Tie the Town Pink

Since its launch in 2016, this initiative has expanded to **46 towns** across New Jersey to raise breast cancer awareness by displaying pink ribbons throughout local municipalities.

Volunteers help by:

- **Box Assembly:** Help assemble the boxes (2-3 volunteers needed for approx. 2 hours)
- **Box Pick-up:** Pick up assembled boxes at Joanne Liscovitz's office:
Coldwell Banker Realty, 716 US-206, Hillsborough Township, NJ 08844.
- **Delivery:** Deliver boxes to the township clerk at a participating town's municipal building during last week of September, Mon thru Fr 10-4pm
- **Location:** Various NJ towns.
- **Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours depending on distance to town


Join Us!

We encourage our volunteers to get creative with fundraising—whether it's partnering with a local business for a give-back day or coming up with new community events, every idea helps further our mission. By using their connections and daily interactions, volunteers can spark fresh ways to support DFC. There's a role for everyone, from crafting and organizing to event planning and outreach. Volunteering with Dance for the Cure is a rewarding way to make a difference for local breast cancer patients while being part of a passionate, caring community.

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