

# Why Engage Volunteers?

## Volunteers in Grassroots Advocacy Is Important

Hospice volunteers are selfless individuals, passionate about helping others and hospice care. There is no one who can better enunciate the importance of hospice care to patients, families, and communities. Hospice volunteers can not only serve their hospices and communities by volunteering but also can protect hospices by sharing their stories with legislators.

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This tool kit is designed to give Volunteer Coordinators the resources necessary to teach volunteers how to be advocates. All materials included in the kit are also contained on CD-ROM for easy reproduction. If you have any questions or need additional resources, please contact, IHO Lobbyist, Shannon Strickler at [stricklers@ihaonline.org](mailto:stricklers@ihaonline.org) or 515-243-1046.

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