

Cancer Connection Reiki Team Volunteer Application

Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding a position with the Cancer Connection's volunteer Reiki Team. The following information has been compiled to provide you with an overview of the program and its mission. Included are the standard qualifications and responsibilities of a Reiki Team member. Our hopes are that this packet will be an aid to answering many of your basic questions.

Please read the following information carefully, if you agree, complete the enclosed application and mail back to the office. After the application is received and reviewed, we will contact you to set a time to meet with our Reiki Team Advisor, Nancy A. Carter-Price, RM/T, KRM. We encourage you to provide us with copies of your Reiki certifications and any other's you may have i.e. CPR, Reiki Insurance, first aid, etc. at that meeting.

What is Cancer Connection?

Cancer Connection, Inc. is a nonprofit community cancer support center which offers a haven where people living with cancer and their loved ones in the Pioneer Valley can learn how to navigate the complicated cancer journey through education, peer support, integrative therapies and creative programs to strengthen body, mind and spirit. Cancer Connection offers its programs and services free of charge to anyone living with a cancer diagnosis, their families and caregivers. Cancer Connection is located across the street from Cooley Dickinson Hospital at 41 Locust Street in Northampton, MA.

Reiki at Cancer Connection

Cancer Connection had been offering workshops and individual Reiki Sessions to a limited degree since 2000. In the fall of 2001, Cancer Connection was approached individually from several Reiki practitioners that were interested in volunteering their time to do Reiki. Wanting to find a way to utilize the volunteers to meet the needs of the community – the idea of the Monthly Reiki Night was born. The original seven members came together to help design the program in Nov. and Dec. and the first Monthly Reiki Night was held in January of 2002.

Monthly Reiki Night Program

The evening program held at CC is set up for a "walk-in" format, no pre-registration is required. We have a group setting in that several Reiki tables and one zero gravity chair are set up in the large living room with low lights while tranquil music is played softly in the background. We also utilize a cozy separate room perfect for enjoying a friendly cup of tea, having some refreshments and meeting others who have traveled to either receive Reiki or who may have brought a loved one to the program. The entire evening is pleasing and relaxing for everyone. Each session is 30 minutes in length. We, as a Team, "keep it Reiki" without mixing modalities. Our focus is on providing stress reduction. Therefore we practice "standard" hand positions, working from head to foot. We tend to stay away from symptom relief due to the time constraint. Most importantly we are in a group setting and this is not suitable for deep therapeutic processing. We encourage participants in active treatment or caring for someone in active treatment, needing deeper work, to schedule a session in the private, individual Reiki Session Program, which is also provided through CC on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays. Each Team member is asked to bring 2 sets of linens to each Reiki Night. It is not necessary to have a table or private insurance to be on the Team. As a Team member you will work with a partner for each session that you do, however, new members will shadow with a senior Team member for the first few Reiki Nights that they participate in. This allows an opportunity for the new member to relax into the setting and get a feel of the Team atmosphere.

Team Member Guidelines

As the program and the Team evolved it became necessary to establish some basic standards and guidelines.

The following are some of the basic components to be considered as you evaluate your interest in the Reiki program. If for any reason you are not able to meet these basic components, we thank you for your interest and ask you to apply in the future should your qualifying status change.

Qualifications for Reiki Team Members:

- **Master or Master Teacher Level** OR Second Degree with at least one of the following:
- Additional healthcare provider qualifications such as a nurse, therapist or licensed body worker*
- Individual exceptions may be made for those with an extensive Reiki background.

Members Responsibilities Include (but are NOT limited to):

- A Team member must be willing to acknowledge that this program is a monthly commitment on their part and sign the Team Guideline Agreement (implemented 1/16 and revised 8/19).
- *(It is required that all facilitators in CC programs Attend a facilitator meeting at least once a year - TBA)*
- Attend the **Mandatory Team In-service Training** with an educational component included. Training is held yearly and is always the **Last Sunday in January (bad weather date will be FIRST Sunday in February)**.
- Provide Cancer Connection with a copy of last awarded Reiki certificate to be kept on file.
- Adhering to the inclusive rights of all participants and facilitators stated in the Cancer Connection Mission Statement as well as other policies outlined by Cancer Connection.
- Adhering to professional ethical standards of confidentiality for ALL participants is a must.
- Supporting the other individual members to develop a strong, cohesive team atmosphere that respects lineage's, style, and experiences and who understand that the strength of the program resides in the combination of each member's energy into a greater whole.

We wish to thank you for taking the time to read this and for your interest in becoming a volunteer with Cancer Connection and its programs.

Cancer Connection holds its entire volunteer staff in the greatest regard for their time, energy and giving.

~~~ *Were it not for them, our hands would not reach nearly so far.* ~~~

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Cancer Connection or this program? \_\_\_\_\_

Year Master Level Certification \_\_\_\_\_ OR Level II Certification \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a copy of your certification with this application.

Do you have Professional Reiki Insurance? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been practicing Reiki? \_\_\_\_\_

List any other prior experience or health care training? \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us, **why you are interested in becoming a volunteer Reiki Team member at Cancer Connection?**

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Call: Nancy Carter-Price, Reiki Team Advisor/ Facilitator @ (413) 433-6215 with any questions.  
You may E-mail your completed application to – [nancy@journeytowellness.be](mailto:nancy@journeytowellness.be) or you may send via regular mail to the address above c/o Nancy Carter-Price.