



About the Riley Hospital Program

Our program began as an Art Exchange between the children of Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem and Riley Hospital. In April of 1987, 15 Hadassah volunteers participated in our first orientation session: Beverly Bercovitz, Myrna Fang and Lola Herman (of blessed memory) were part of that first group and Myrna and Beverly are still volunteering.

Four years later, in 1991, we were proud and honored to be appointed the first President Bush's "370th" daily Point of Light out of 1,000 Points of Life. This national award is given for outstanding community service for our city and state.

We will begin our 29th years in April 2016. Over the years, almost 400 Hadassah members have volunteered in this project. Hadassah started as an Infant Play Program. Now our time at Riley is spent in helping all young patients, their families and a wonderful staff!

What Hadassah Volunteers Do at Riley

Since we work for two departments: Child Life and Volunteer Services, our activities are varied. We work in the library and sometimes play and read to patients using age appropriate materials. We check homemade items such as pillow cases, blankets and make story masks for cancer patient use. These items must be checked carefully for pins, unfinished seams, and messages left in the packaging. We also prepare arts and craft material. Our volunteers also participate in holiday activities in December.

For more information about what we do and the complete orientation process, which includes application, detailed health check and interview, please contact the Hadassah office: 317-475-4278.

