



# Creating A Healing Place

## Dec My Room Volunteers

The success of **Dec My Room** depends on its volunteers. A **Dec** volunteer is not an ordinary volunteer. A **Dec** volunteer is kind hearted, of steady character, has experience volunteering and has deep compassion for suffering children.

A **Dec** volunteer should have prior experience volunteering in the community. Our members enter into a hospital room of a very sick child patient. He or she must have a great deal of discretion and flexibility. The volunteer needs to possess the emotional maturity to handle any situation that may arise. In addition, the volunteer must be aware of the hospital rules and rely on the hospital liaisons (nurse, secretary to nurse or child life specialist) and attending nurses, to know when the right time is to enter the hospital room to do your **Dec-ing**.

A **Dec** volunteer must be very reliable and respond quickly to a request from the coordinator. There should only be a small window of time between the hospital request and a team's acceptance of the request. Usually there should be only a 2-3 day period of time between the initial request, acceptance of the request by a team and the actual decorating of the room.

Several of our volunteers will be notified when a request comes in from one of our hospitals. We know that volunteers cannot always be available; however that is why it is extremely important that the volunteer communicates promptly to the coordinator their availability as soon as they are aware of a request.

If you feel you can meet these requirements then we welcome you to join our awesome team of volunteers of **Dec My Room**.