



# Pediatric Help



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## Contact Information

**Location:**  
Shady Grove Adventist Hospital

**Department:**  
Pediatrics

## Information about Workplace

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital is the top hospital in the Montgomery County Area. It boasts the largest pediatric department in the county as well. Every year thousands of patients are admitted to the hospital where they are treated with first class care.



## Tasks/Duties

- Fetching medicine from the pharmacy
- Fetching supplies from the other departments
- Playing with the children
- Sterilizing the toys
- Feeding the fish
- Cleaning the playroom
- Organizing the movies
- Alphabetizing the books
- Stocking up on the gowns, gloves, and facemasks
- Answering the phones
- Filing medical records
- Miscellaneous tasks/Etc.

## Goals and Objectives

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital is dedicated to providing top care to their patients by improving the health of people and communities through physical, mental, and spiritual healing. They seek to be a leader in the provision of care and clinical services, an innovator in health and medical management, and an active participant in education and research. Their main goal is to ensure that every patient that comes in receives the upmost care and attention while they are staying with them.



## Issue

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, like any other hospital, is always in need of volunteers. The vast amount of patients and the comparatively few doctors and nurses that are present at any given time means that the nurses and the doctors cannot give every patient the attention and care they deserve. In addition, their main duties of diagnosing and treating the patients might also be inhibited by smaller issues and concerns that the patients might have.



My main duty as a volunteer was to help the nurses and the doctors with any tasks they needed done. This meant that I would do stuff like cleaning to replacing the thermometers to rolling any infirmed patients out to the parking lot where they could be picked up.

## Future Plans

If possible I plan to continue working at the hospital for the next year or so, and possibly until I graduate from UMD. This is because it helps me prepare for medical school.

## Impact

I worked as a volunteer at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, in the Pediatrics department. There I assisted the nursing staff with cleaning up the department and taking care of the patients. I helped make sure that the children were well-taken care of and helped the nursing staff with any problems they might have had. I handled the minor concerns so that the doctors and the nurses could deal with diagnosing and treating the patients. The experience also helped me realize that I liked helping people and confirmed that I would like to be a doctor in the future.

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