

## Job Description – Textile Sorter

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Reports to:	Donation Centre Manager
Responsible for:	Sorting of textiles for sale or recycling
Location:	Whilst your normal place of work will be Unit 4, Chapel Pond Hill, you will also be required to work at such other place or locations within the Bury St Edmunds, West Suffolk and Thetford area as we may reasonably determine.
Job Purpose:	Work with the retail team to meet the KPI's set by the Head of Retail and to provide a robust income stream for St Nicholas Hospice Care.

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### Key Responsibilities

1. Sort donated textiles into categories for sale or recycling, to maximise resale value.
2. Identify stock that will maximise income through the Ecommerce department.
3. Identify higher value brands.
4. Welcome and offer to assist customers in the Donations Centre, to ensure an excellent customer experience.
5. Utilise the organisations stock rotation systems to reflect seasonal changes.
6. Organise the textile area into defined departments.
7. Maintain knowledge of 'on trend' labels and designs.
8. Assist with volunteer inductions, ensuring delegation of clearly defined roles for all volunteers.
9. Keep the sorting area clean and tidy.
10. Actively minimise stock loss.

### Communication and Liaison

11. Ensure good communication with the Donation Centre, Ecommerce and Retail Shop Managers.
12. Support volunteers in their role, identifying and communicating any training needs or support.
13. Ensure that donors are dealt with in the appropriate manner following the 'perfect donation' procedure in all cases.
14. Deliver good standards of customer service and care.

### Special Features of the job

15. Work as part of the retail team to assist in achieving its financial goals.
16. Gain knowledge and understanding of other areas of the Donations Centre, assisting other departments as and when required.

### Personal Development (all staff)

- All staff and volunteers in the Hospice are encouraged to contribute to identifying and meeting their own job-related development needs. This will be achieved through a variety of processes including regular 1-2-1's with Line Managers or senior colleagues, annual appraisal and development reviews.
- All employees are subject to an annual appraisal and to maximise the benefit from this process the employee must engage fully in the review and agree with their Line Manager organisational, team and personal objectives.
- Each employee must co-operate and attend all appropriate mandatory and statutory training as required by the organisation and /or their professional bodies.

### **Health and Safety (all staff)**

- All staff have responsibilities to ensure that our working environment continues to be a safe, secure, healthy and fulfilling place to work.
- Employees of St Nicholas Hospice Care are required to work in line with the Health and Safety Policy to ensure not only their own health and safety, but that of others too.
- To ensure all stores and staff comply with the Health & Safety Act and to ensure safe systems of work practises are followed at all times.
- To ensure all relevant risk assessments are completed and adhered to at all times.
- To ensure all fire risk assessments are completed and best practises are maintained.

### **People Management (those with line management responsibilities)**

Providing leadership, management and development of all staff and volunteers within area of responsibility through effective;

- Workforce planning, recruitment and selection
- Departmental communication and staff support.
- Performance management.
- Staff development including regular 1-2-1's , and annual appraisals.
- Staff support including health and safety and wellbeing awareness.
- Facilitation of a culture of learning and respect for difference.

### **Governance (those with responsibilities for policy and procedure implementation, audit and monitoring responsibilities)**

Ensure Hospice policies and guidelines/safe operating procedures are developed and implemented in association with Hospice Committees.

Develop monitoring systems to ensure compliance with policies and procedures in association with the Hospice Committees.

### **General (all staff)**

- At the heart of our strategic vision, our "One Team" approach aims to support creative and flexible responses from every member of our workforce in order to benefit each and every person

using our services, from clinical care, retail, fundraising, education and the support services. There is an expectation for everyone to support colleagues beyond their own team.

- Ensure that all within the team have a grasp of the Hospice's structure, values and purpose and have opportunities for involvement in its further development.
- Ensure the maintenance of confidentiality in respect of staff, volunteer and client records and all privileged information relating to the services of the Charity, its patients, staff and volunteers and particularly of the area for which directly responsible.
- Promote and foster the Hospice's reputation and standing within the community and with private, statutory and voluntary sector agencies and organisations.
- Undertake any other duties which may be reasonably required.
- The philosophy of the Hospice is based on a multi-skilled, cross-departmental approach. Staff regardless of grade or discipline, are required to participate in this concept. The role of volunteers is integral with the work of St Nicholas and paid staff are required to underpin this in their attitude and actions.
- All staff must be sympathetic to and able to project the philosophy and concept of hospice care.
- The Hospice has in place provision for staff support. Staff are expected to exercise responsibility in accessing and providing whatever forms of support might be appropriate for them to ensure that they are able to offer the professional care for which they are employed.
- This Job Description may change and the duties listed are not exhaustive, but such change will only be made following consultation between the (relevant) "Manager" and the post holder.

#### **References:**

Recruitment Policy  
Learning & Development Policy  
Disciplinary Policy  
Health and Safety Policy

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