



Virginia Association of Healthcare Auxiliaries and Volunteers
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ABOUT VAHAV

VAHAV was founded in 1949 with a group of 32 women representing 8 Virginia hospitals and is the only state organization of its kind, which specifically serves healthcare auxiliaries and volunteer organizations.

VAHAV membership is open to any auxiliary or volunteer organization affiliated with a healthcare facility in the Commonwealth of Virginia and recognized by the governing body of a health care facility. The organization is dedicated to helping its member organizations achieve their full potential by offering support, education, fund raising, communication, and recruitment tools to its members.

The healthcare organizations of VAHAV are made up of men, women, and teens who volunteer their time and caring concern to help others. A volunteer is normally the first person a patient and their family member sees when they arrive at the hospital and the last as they are discharged. Our volunteers cover patient escort and information services in hospitals, operate hospital Gift Shops, man community Resale/Thrift and Consignment shops, and conduct fund raising events – all of which financially support their hospitals and healthcare facilities. In addition, many of the hospitals now also have pet therapy programs.

VAHAV is partitioned into five districts – graphically shown on the map of Virginia on our website, www.vahav.org, Clicking on a section of the map retrieves a high-level membership directory of that district hospitals with the roles of

- Auxiliary President
- Director of Volunteer Services
- Gift Shop Manager
- Thrift Shop Manager
- Legislative Chair

Each of the five districts has a District Chair, who is a member of the VAHAV Board. Each District holds a Spring District Meeting for members in the District as well



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as a District Meeting at our fall Annual Education Conference as documented on our website.

Each summer, we conduct a survey as to membership and contribution of hours and funding. The survey, due August 31, can be filled out on line or in hardcopy as described. Survey information is aggregated and posted on our website to report the number of active adult and teen volunteers, their volunteer hours, and the money raised for their facilities, the community, and scholarships. The number of Active Adults in each Auxiliary reported in the annual survey is used to compute nominal Annual Dues due the following May.

Our website, www.vahav.org, includes the latest information on VAHAV activities and the capabilities to send updated directory information on-line as well as to send email to VAHAV Board members. VAHAV emblems and patches can also be ordered on-line.

We publish a quarterly newsletter – *The Connection* – that is USPS mailed to our membership officers and is also available on our website, along with past issues.

A Leadership Manual is one of the many tools available for auxiliary use and is available on the VAHAV website www.vahav.org. And our VAHAV Anthem is on-line for your listening pleasure.

As you navigate our website vahav.org, you will learn more about us – such as our governing Board, our Bylaws, location of the associated Thrift Shops, and the vendors who support our conference.

Please come back often to read about the updates – and do provide us feedback on what you like to see on the website, enjoy at our annual conference, and – oh, no- any issues you have with this website.

VAHAV is affiliated with the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA), and a link to VHHA is available from the main menu of our website.