

## **ABSTRACT**

The work deals with the purpose of volunteering in hospitals. It is divided into two parts.

The theoretical part describes, in general terms, volunteering, its history and its legal framework. Last but not least, it deals with volunteering in the University Hospital in Motol.

The practical part uses the method of standardized direct dialogues with seniors permanently living and taken care of in the medical institute, and it analyses the need of volunteering at the Aftercare Centre of the University Hospital in Motol.

The work draws upon the experience of my own several-year long volunteering engagement at the Aftercare Centre of the University Hospital in Motol.

The goal of this work is to explain and highlight the importance of volunteering in medical care centers and hospitals.