



Volunteers in Medicine Chattanooga, Inc.

The mission of the VIM Chattanooga Clinic is to understand and serve the health and wellness needs of the medically underserved in our community by providing quality, compassionate, and personalized care in a faith-based environment.

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VIM Supporters Give Peace of Mind to Patients Who Need It Most

After my insurance was terminated last year (I no longer fit the medical requirements to receive TennCare), I knew I was in trouble. Although I was in fairly good health, I knew I couldn't afford out of pocket costs for long as I was working part-time while finishing school. A friend told me about Volunteers in Medicine and I was accepted into the program. I am so thankful to God and VIM for being here when I needed help. Thank you all so much for what you do every day for the people who need you. And thank you to all the people who care what happens to others in Chattanooga. Name withheld for privacy.

I recently spoke to a group about the work Volunteers in Medicine does here in Chattanooga. I began by asking how many people in the room had spent any length of time without health insurance. Not one person raised their hand ... *except me.*

After college I was dropped from my family's health plan, and it

took time for me to find work that offered insurance benefits. I was lucky as I was young and healthy, and very fortunate that I never needed medical attention during those months. But that doesn't mean I wasn't worried about the potential. My peers were filing bankruptcy as a result of medical bills (*which is still the number one cause for bankruptcy in America*).

The mission of Volunteers in Medicine isn't just critical to patients receiving services, it is critical to the entire community to keep costs down for taxpayers and hospitals. Chattanooga needs a healthy community to continue to prosper and VIM offers a cost-effective alternative to costly emergency services for people who are falling through the cracks. ***Please consider a gift to VIM today—your gift is multiplied 20 times over in terms of the services we are able to provide.*** ●

Ashley Evans, Executive Director

Volunteers in Medicine Supporters Raise \$23,000 at the VIM Golf Classic

The 8th Annual VIM Golf Classic was held at the Brown Acres Golf Course on August 15th—a gorgeous cool summer morning (and not so bad an afternoon!). Wayne Orr and his staff made sure that the 144 golfers had a great day on the course.

Custom aluminum bag tags were awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of each flight. Additional prizes were donated by many local businesses.

Hardee's provided breakfast, Zaxby's lunch, and Taziki's a wonderful dinner to all the golfers and volunteers, many of whom pulled a 12 hour day! VIM is so lucky to count these restaurants as friends to the clinic.

A special thank you to the Golf Committee and its chair, VIM board member Gene Williford. This committee meets year round to ensure a perfect day for all involved and it shows! ●



First Place Ladies team from WRCB Channel 3: Kelly Flora, Rose Eakins, Suzie Bowling, and Diane Bean.

Thanks to the following sponsors, the VIM Golf Classic is always a success! Their belief in our services and mission is what keeps the clinic open every day for our friends and neighbors in need. See you next year! ●

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First Place Championship Flight (afternoon): Dakota Price, Marty Dominy, Randy Price, and Ryan Moreland.



Second Place Championship Flight (morning): Darrell Moore, Jim Coleman, Jarrett Millsaps, and Jim Vaughn.

Photos by Mack McCartney.

Clinic News



Richard and Nancy Franks with Dr. Robert Bowers.

A reception was held July 31, celebrating Nancy Franks' retirement and service to the VIM Clinic for more than 11 years. More than 90 people came out to honor Nancy, including past and current board members, staff, and volunteers, as well as foundation staff and other supporters.

The board presented her with an engraved silver platter and a special plaque for Richard as well. With their vision and volunteer service to the clinic, Chattanooga has a place for the low income and uninsured to always be welcomed and served.

Paula Snead came on board as the new Volunteer Coordinator. She can be reached at 423-855-8220 or psnead@vim-chatt.org.

Longtime supporters and volunteers Margaret and Bryan Dantzier recently celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary with cake and a party at the clinic. Congratulations!

The Volunteers in Medicine Board of Directors has added

four new Directors: Kent Barnes, Lynda Hawks, Dr. Robert Magill, and Gene Williford. Welcome! These Directors take the place of Nancy Franks, Richard Franks, and Dr. Colleen Schmitt, who recently rotated off the board.

Board member Gene Williford was recently honored with the Southeastern Opticians Gosnell Award for service and devotion to the profession of Opticianry. Well Done!●

VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE CHATTANOOGA IS GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR INDIVIDUALS THROUGH MEMORIAL OR CELEBRATORY GIFTS. FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, THESE GIFTS CAN BE AN ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL WAY TO COMMEMORATE A LOVED ONE OR TO CELEBRATE A PERSONAL MILESTONE — WHILE ALSO FURTHERING THE CLINIC'S SERVICE TO SOCIETY.

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The Annual Volunteers in Medicine Band Aid Benefit

April 20, 2015

Featuring the Voices of Lee



Sponsorship Opportunities are now available!

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What Is VIM Up To?

VIM Chattanooga stays busy! 55 new patients over the past few months, two new doctor volunteers (Dr. Wayne Scott and Dr. Mitch Mutter), a major golf fundraiser, new supporters, and MANY new volunteers helping out as nurses, screeners, and greeters. We thank each and every one of you for helping us fulfill the important work of Matthew 25 here in Chattanooga. This data is January through August 2014. ●

Patient Visits	3,017
X-Rays	137
Dental Services	\$5,950
Optometry Services	\$17,100
Medical Services Provided, X-Ray	\$344,396
Laboratory Services	\$104,791
Clinic Dispensary	\$51,617
PAP Meds (90 day supply)	\$717,967
Available Counseling Hours	76.25
Mammograms taken by Memorial Breast Center	106
Project Access Referrals	177
Volunteer Service Hours	7,874
Estimated Value of Volunteer Hours	\$420,842
Total Medical Care Delivered (clinic rates)	\$1,241,821
Total Medical Care Delivered (ER rates)	\$4,967,284
Expenditures	\$321,742