



Volunteers in Medicine Chattanooga, Inc.

Winter Update 2016

*Reserve your table or tickets for the 2016 Band Aid
Benefit on April 11 now! Call 423-855-8220 or [www.vim-
chatt.org/donate](http://www.vim-
chatt.org/donate).*

Sincere Appreciation

I so appreciate everyone at VIM. What a blessing to have access to medical care and to be treated with dignity and compassion by everyone that I encounter. I'm most grateful for this organization and for all the hard work to keep it going. May God richly bless every person donating time, money, prayers, and all it takes to make VIM great.

-name withheld for privacy

As this patient said when she stopped by my office ... "EVERYONE needs medical care sometimes." But that's just one part of what makes VIM different.

This week began with a reading from 1 Corinthians 13 in honor of Valentine's Day ending with "... but the greatest of these is love." Our volunteers and staff demonstrate Christ's love in their detailed attention to patients, their health, and their lives. Everyone does need medical care sometimes ... but we need spiritual care too. VIM has this in abundance.

Ashley Evans, Executive Director

2016 Band Aid Benefit

April 11, 2016

It's that time again! The 11th Annual Band Aid Benefit will happen at Abba's House on Monday,

April 11, 2016.

Underwritten by Christ United Methodist Church and March Adams & Associates, the evening will feature a performance by the Voices of Lee. Dinner will be from Taziki's and some special surprises are on the agenda for the night.



One of these is a very generous donation from Walt Disney World of four (4) One-Day Park Hopper tickets. These are valued at more than \$600 and will be available for silent bids.

VIM is taking table and seat reservations now by calling 423-855-8220 or online at our website: www.vim-chatt.org/donate.

What is the VIM Clinic up to?

VIM had 207 new patients in 2015. This is an increase of more than 25% over 2014 ... which was not unexpected. Although the penalties are increasing for people not having insurance, for our low-income patients, they still cannot afford to purchase coverage. This excellent article was published in *The New York Times* detailing the problems many are having:

[http://Many See I.R.S. Penalties as More Affordable Than Insurance](http://Many%20See%20I.R.S.%20Penalties%20as%20More%20Affordable%20Than%20Insurance).

We are so grateful to Kayser Roth in Dayton, TN for the generous donation of an exam table, exam light, and exam stool, as well as University Surgical Associates for donating all new (to us) waiting room furniture! VIM is blessed to have the support of so many in our community.

In case you missed it, WRCB Channel 3 Eye on Health reporter LaTrice Currie has done two excellent stories on the work we do at VIM. Thank you to both LaTrice and Channel 3 for shining a light on our clinic!

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We thank each and every one of you for helping us fulfill the important work of Matthew 25. We need your prayers and support to take care of all our patients. This data is for January 2016 and represents the beginning of a busy year.

Category	January YTD 2016
Patient visits	378
X-rays	24
Dental Services	\$500
Optometry Services	\$4,200
Medical Services provided, X-Ray	\$47,605
Laboratory Services	\$12,500
Clinic Dispensary	\$2,355
PAP meds (90day supply)	\$48,177
Total Medical Care Delivered (clinic rates)	\$115,337
Total Medical Care Delivered (ER rates)	\$576,686
Mammograms taken – Memorial Breast Center*	0
Referrals - Project Access*	25
Total Volunteer Service Hours*	684
Total Est. Value of Volunteer Hours*	\$37,697

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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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