Together, WE ARE CVIM

A medical intern. A volunteer nurse. A dedicated Board member. A devoted donor. What do these people have in common? THEY ARE CVIM — they share the passion of achieving CVIM’s mission, providing primary medical and dental care to low income people in Chester County without insurance, enabling them to continue to be contributing members of the community.

Without their hard work and profound commitment, CVIM wouldn’t be able to help patients like Sharon. Sharon’s story begins three years ago; she was working full-time with a lucrative career and had health insurance. Once the economy took a turn for the worst, she found herself without a job and without insurance. “This was something I never expected to happen, not to me,” said Sharon. She immediately found a job cleaning houses and local businesses. “I had to make sure I was able to provide for my family, they needed me.”

A couple of months went by and Sharon discovered a large growth on the back of her neck. “I knew it was something that I had to get checked out, but I couldn’t afford to – my family’s needs were more important than mine.” Sharon was cleaning a local office one day when one of the staff members asked her if she had a medical professional look at her neck. She shyly replied and said no, due to the fact that she did not have medical insurance. The kind person suggested that she check out Community Volunteers in Medicine to see if she was eligible to be a patient. “I knew that very moment that CVIM was going to change my life.”

Once Sharon was eligible, she scheduled her first appointment. Her attending physician took one look at her neck and was so concerned that they immediately called Dr. Paul Kim at Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery of Chester County, who agreed to surgically remove the growth at a reduced cost. “Without CVIM and Dr. Kim, I would never have been able to have the surgery – I can’t thank them enough,” said Sharon. But, her healthcare journey did not end there.

Through our partnership with Paoli Hospital, Sharon recently had a DEXA scan, which showed that she has osteoporosis in her spine and hips. “I can’t describe into words how thankful I am that CVIM is continuing to help me during my time of need — I tell everyone I know how compassionate, caring and happy everyone is at CVIM. They truly make you feel like you matter and always listen to you. I can proudly say that I AM CVIM!”

We work together to provide coordinated care to patients, like Sharon, in need. It is possible through the generous philanthropic support of the community and the individuals and partners who choose to give their time, talent, and treasure. YOU ARE CVIM!
A Dedicated Volunteer Since CVIM Opened its Doors

When Community Volunteers in Medicine opened its doors to its first patients on May 18, 1998 — thanks to many generous benefactors — it gained a special volunteer who made it her goal to support CVIM’s mission as much as she could.

After retiring from a career in dental hygiene in 1998, Janet began volunteering at CVIM as a dental hygienist. “I remember helping to set-up the single dental chair in CVIM’s office in Frazer,” said Janet. “As the clinic grew and we expanded to the West Chester location, we installed two dental chairs which quickly led to five dental chairs!” Janet had the privilege of being involved in the design of the dental department at CVIM’s current location.

“As a dental hygienist, I treated patients for 11 years in all three locations. I am also one of three dental hygienists who have been traveling to the Chester County Head Start schools to provide children with dental screenings and fluoride treatments. We have done this twice a year for over ten years,” said Janet.

CVIM has also been fortunate to have Janet involved with the Quality Assurance Program and the orientation of student dental hygienists in the dental department. For the last five years, she has also been CVIM’s HIV Coordinator, where she has created and maintained our HIV testing program. Janet has been responsible for the training and support of all HIV testing volunteers, reporting the data and ordering testing supplies.

“I feel blessed to have had these opportunities to be productive in this incredible organization, as well as working with and getting to know the dedicated staff and volunteers. CVIM has provided me with a truly life enriching experience.”

CVIM is beyond thankful for all the time, talent and hard work Janet has given throughout the years to help our patients. Thank you, Janet!

Janet caring for a patient in 2005.

Above, Janet is walking a volunteer through the HIV testing process.

Congratulations, Sue!

CVIM’s Sue Cameron, PharmD, R.Ph., Director of Drug Dispensing Services, was named the Preceptor of the Year from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, University of the Sciences!

Pictured above: Scott Green, Michael Thomson & Steven Sheaffer of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, University of the Sciences, Sue Cameron, Pharm.D., R.Ph., CVIM Director of Dispensing Services and Dr. Mary Wirshup, CVIM Medical Director.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2015

At CVIM we make an effort to recognize the amazing accomplishments of our volunteers every day. The doctors, nurses, dentists, dental hygienists, students, support staff, licensed providers and others make CVIM capable of providing outstanding care to low income individuals throughout Chester County. As part of National Volunteer Week, CVIM will not only acknowledge but will reward the amazing commitment of the individuals who work tirelessly to advance our mission in the community.

This year, National Volunteer Week will take place April 13th through the 17th, and CVIM will be celebrating with flair. During every shift that week, volunteers will be treated to free food from community sponsors, free raffles and an appreciation gift. In this way we hope to celebrate the contributions of the hundreds of individuals who give their time and talent to establishing a healthcare home for their neighbors in need.
Helping our Youngest Smiles

On February 7th Sealant Saturday, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists’ Association, took place at CVIM where 19 volunteer dental professionals donated their time and talent providing 220 procedures to 34 children, setting them on the path to good dental health for life. Over four hours, the dedicated Sealant Saturday volunteer team provided more than $8,000 in care to local youth.

The New Century Club of West Chester Donates Goodie Bags For Children

The New Century Club of West Chester recently donated 25 handcrafted animal themed bags filled with a coordinating stuffed animal and a book for CVIM’s youngest patients. Marilyn Light, Head of the Education Committee (left), and Linda Duling, committee member (right), worked with the full committee to design and create the bags.

Chester County Youth Orchestra’s Spring Concert to Benefit CVIM

Enjoy a fun evening with family and friends while supporting CVIM! Show your support by attending the Chester County Youth Orchestra’s 2015 Spring Concert, Saturday May 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church (10 West Pleasant Grove Road, West Chester). CVIM has been selected to be the beneficiary of the event.

Tickets are $10 for adults, and $5 for students and seniors. Terri Garbutt, Director of Finance at CVIM, will be selling tickets in her office, located in the building’s “west wing.” Tickets will also be available for sale at the door of the event.

First Annual Community Smiles Event

Members of the Harcum College Sigma Phi Alpha, Chi Xi Chapter of the Dental Hygiene National Honor Society provided dental hygiene services to patients at CVIM on Saturday, February 28th for the first Annual Community Smiles event. The event provided approximately $6,000 in services. Dr. Paul Britt, not pictured, also donated his services to the event.

The Red Star Craft House, the newest of the Dave Magrogan Group restaurants, held its Grand Opening party with a portion of the night’s proceeds generously donated to CVIM. Pictured above at the check presentation are (left to right) Ashley Kenderine, Dave Magrogan, owner & CEO Dave Magrogan Group, Carmen Cappello, Executive Chef, Maureen Tomoschuk of CVIM and Diego Calderin, CVIM Board Chair.

DONATE ONLINE AT WWW.CVIM.ORG
14th Annual Golf Classic
Slated for Tuesday, June 9th at Applebrook Golf Club in Malvern

Mark your calendars and join CVIM at our premier fundraising event! The tournament raises community awareness and support for the prevention, wellness and educational services and programs provided by CVIM. Thanks to our generous sponsors, players and many longtime volunteers, over $3 million has been raised through the Golf Classic over the last 13 years!

CVIM is honored to share that Steve Zarrilli, CEO of Safeguard, is our Honorary Chair for 2015. The Co-Chairs for this year’s event are Betty Moran, CVIM Board member, and Jeff March, President and CEO of Citadel. The CVIM Annual Classic will once again feature competitive golf on a challenging and beautiful course, contests, fabulous food and all the amenities our golfers have come to expect from this premier event.

Additional information on the event is available on our website at www.cvim.org or by contacting Denise Mahal, Vice President of Development, at 610.836.5990 x108 or dmahal@cvim.org.

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Plant The Seeds of Healthcare, Hope & Healing  Save the date - May 13th

Mark your calendar and join us for a celebration of Community Volunteers in Medicine’s 17 years of providing medical and dental care to families in need. The event is Wednesday, May 13th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Barn at Valley Forge Flowers, 503 Lancaster Avenue, Wayne.

The special evening will be hosted by Barbara King, President of Valley Forge Flowers, and Mrs. J. Maxwell Moran. Attendees will enjoy lite fare, beer and wine, and will receive a 20% discount on all purchased items that evening.

To purchase tickets, visit www.cvim.org or contact Dana Bowman, Communication and Administrative Coordinator of CVIM, at 610.836.5990 x144 or dbowman@cvim.org.

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Community Partners to Install LED Lights at CVIM

A special thank you to the Rotary Club of the Upper Main Line and to the First Light Project for planning and funding the installation of LED lights throughout our building.

By installing the LED lights, it will cut CVIM’s current lighting cost by at least 40%! They are also expected to have a lifespan of more than 13 years, conserving CVIM’s resources long into the future.

Pictured from left to right: Lois G. Davidson, MPM, Executive Director of First Light Project, Maureen Tomoschuk, CVIM President & CEO and Lew Meyer, Facilities Management Volunteer.