



"When I lost my job and health insurance in 2004, I had no idea what I was going to do. I had several health issues and was worried about my medications. My wife had health issues, as well. I would like to express my heart-felt gratitude for everything CVIM has done!" Tom

Dear

On May 2 I will join a group of local runners to run the Pittsburgh Marathon as a means of raising money and awareness for Centre Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM), Centre County's free medical and dental clinic. Now more than ever, CVIM needs our support. Please join me in our challenge of raising funds for our neighbors without health insurance.

Most patients at Centre Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM) haven't been able to prioritize their healthcare for many years due to high costs and lack of insurance. Because of this, CVIM is treating increasingly more complex health issues. For example:

- The CVIM dental clinic extracted 51 teeth in a single week in May 2009.
- A patient with out of control blood pressure was able to receive medications to bring his blood pressure back to a normal, healthy level.
- CVIM was able to help an individual get needed physical therapy following an injury, and CVIM case management was able to connect him to other social services to assist him with additional needs while he healed.



CVIM is a community effort to help our Centre County neighbors in need. These neighbors work alongside us to make a difference in our community. Some are drivers, restaurant workers and cashiers; others are recent college graduates looking for jobs; while still others are starting up new businesses. They do not have access to health insurance or are unable to afford it.

In today's challenging economy, these workers are finding their limited resources stretched even further as they try to pay for ever more expensive food, gasoline and heat for their homes. Thanks to the generosity of neighbors like you, CVIM is able to lessen the burden on these families by providing healthcare and medications at no charge.

Will you join me in supporting the efforts of CVIM by sponsoring me with a donation?

On behalf of the patients at CVIM, we thank you for your consideration.

In health,

2010 CVIM Marathoners for Medicine Challenge Team

P.S. Every penny of your contribution will go directly towards the services provided by CVIM. Please mail your gift to CVIM or give online at www.cvim.net.

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