



The Heart of the Matter

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Dr. Bob Kilareski helps a young CVIM patient.

Kids are Smiling in Centre County

Sixty-four children are smiling a little brighter, seeing a little clearer, and hearing a little better this summer because of CVIM's Give Kids a Smile/Vision for the Future event.

With the professional examinations by Drs. John Kelly, Bob Kilareski and Matthew Kremser and associates of Pediatric Dental Care, PC; Dr. Marla Moon and associates at Nittany Eye Associates; and Albrecht Audiology, children without dental or vision insurance received needed exams and procedures!

Additional thanks to Centre County Drug and Alcohol, PA Department of Health, Sullivan-Schein Dental, and Vision Benefits of America for their sponsorship.

One Patient's Words

"I have been coming to CVIM for 2½ years. Dr. McLane – what a wonderful person – a doctor that listens and cares about his patients!

The staff and volunteers...they're awesome! The help and care I received was top of the line. They will be in my prayers always." - Jackie C.

New Medical Volunteers

CVIM is pleased to welcome three doctors and a CRNP (Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner) as volunteers.

Larry Dansky, M.D., began volunteering weekly at the clinic in January 2008. Dr. Dansky practices family medicine at Clinton Medical Associates in Mill Hall and teaches in the Department of Health Policy and Administration at Penn State.

Ann Hyman, CRNP, began seeing patients in March. She received her Masters of Science in Nursing as a Family Nurse Practitioner with a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Home Health emphasis from Carlow College. When not volunteering at CVIM she is home with her two young boys.

Interested in joining our volunteer medical staff? Contact Maryanne Neal at 814-231-4043 or mneal@cvim.net

New Dermatology Services



CVIM welcomes Drs. Gay and James Dunne, board certified dermatologists. The Dunnes' practice has been one of our most generous small practice providers by seeing our patients regularly in their office. Starting in June, the Dunnes began holding two dermatology clinics, meeting with 10-12 CVIM patients each month.

Both graduates of Penn State, Drs. Gay and James Dunne received their medical degrees from Temple University School of Medicine. Dr. James Dunne is the past chair of the Infection Control Committee at Mount Nittany Medical Center and has been a consulting staff member at HealthSouth Nittany Valley Rehabilitation Hospital. Dr. Gay Dunne has been a member of the Centre County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board, Central Pennsylvania Arts Council, Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association, and many other organizations.

From the Director's Desk



Dear Friends of CVIM,

Back in 1981 singer and songwriter Tom Petty warned us that, "the waiting is the hardest part..." Little did we know that his nugget of wisdom would apply to over 1200 people in Centre County in 2008 who are waiting for free dental services at CVIM.

The PA Department of Health considers Centre County a "dental health professional shortage area" for low income residents. CVIM feels this daily. Clinics around the country advised our planning committee to plan to offer dental services; we were much more aware of the need for medical services and thought dental care could wait.

On February 10, 2003 we opened our doors to our first patient...who had an abscessed tooth. We quickly learned how untreated dental problems develop into medical problems and have been committed to providing dental care ever since. Unfortunately, the need for dental care in Centre County among our uninsured friends and neighbors far surpasses our capacity to provide services.

Last year the CVIM dental clinic provided 1459 patient visits to 595 patients, and many others were placed on our waiting list. We frequently see people who have been unable to afford dental care for so long that it requires six to seven visits to restore good dental health. Just recently, we asked four people to wait until September to receive the root canals they need now. Can you imagine?

The good news is that there are people willing to help us provide dental care to our friends and neighbors without insurance. CVIM is grateful to be the recipient of a recent grant from the Highmark Foundation to support our dental program. In June we welcomed Dr. Heather Raymond as our part-time staff dentist; her work will enable us to better meet the needs of the 1200+ people waiting for our services. The Highmark Foundation is willing to be more generous – they've pledged an additional \$25,000 to CVIM if we are able to raise an equal amount from private donors. Will you help us?

CVIM exists only due to the incredible generosity of supporters like you. In the five months I have spent at CVIM I have been struck by the incredible hardships many of our patients bear as they try to balance the costs of housing, transportation, food and healthcare with the demands of family and work. Your kindness and generosity have helped ease their burdens and lessen their wait for medical care. We now ask you to help our dental program. On behalf of the volunteers and patients and staff at CVIM, thank you for your past and future support!

Health and Happiness,

Kristen Houser, MPA
Executive Director

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Team Captain, John Domico, and cyclist Roger Greene led the Boston Marathon fundraiser for CVIM. Thanks to all our donors and athletes!

26.2 Miles+ of Support...Thank You!

Run -Twenty runners completed a marathon for Centre Volunteers in Medicine...many achieving personal records!

Ride - Roger Greene cycled 512.25 miles from Bellefonte to Boston! Forty-three cyclists joined Roger on the first 60-mile leg of his trip!

Support - The real accomplishment is that together we raised \$76,863 for Centre County neighbors without medical and/or dental insurance. Special thanks to our planning committee - John Domico, Jeanne Anderson-Klanchar, Roger Greene, Brad Pike, Patrick Gallagher, and Mike Hall. Thank you to our honorary coaches - Joe and Sue Paterno and Greg Fredericks.

Save the Date!

Read It, Watch It
Summer Kid's Film Series
"Because of Winn-Dixie"

July 16, 2008

The State Theatre
130 West College

www.thestatetheatre.org

FREE! Donations at the door benefit CVIM

Shaner 8th Annual Charity Golf
Tournament

Hosted by the Shaner companies to benefit CVIM

July 25, 2008

Contact: Mandy Droll at 814-278-7247, or
mdroll@shanercorp.com

Battle of the Minds

...a not so trivial pursuit for CVIM

October 10, 2008

Nittany Lion Inn

Cocktails, dinner and an interactive trivia
competition.

Tables on sale NOW! Contact Cyndy at 231-
4043 or cbiek@cvim.net for details.

Wish List

Water Pik w/ water reservoir

White copy paper

1"x3" fabric band-aids

Liquid hand soap

Paper towels

Paper plates & napkins

Stamps

Toilet paper

*We do not need portable shower/commode chairs
and cannot accept open or expired medicine.*

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Volunteer Spotlight

Blake Eyster
2008 Volunteer Representative

On any given Monday, anyone walking through CVIM's clinic door is greeted by Blake's calm demeanor and gentle guidance. Blake has been volunteering with CVIM since the clinic opened in 2003. Thank you Blake!

Christmas in July! Highmark Dental Program Challenge Grant

The Highmark Foundation was so impressed by our dental program and moved by the incredible need for dental care in Centre County, as demonstrated by our 1,200+ patient waiting list, that the Foundation has offered CVIM a \$25,000 one-to-one challenge grant.* **Will you send a Christmas in July gift to CVIM?**

Enclosed is my gift of \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other _____
(Note, you may also donate on-line at www.cvim.net.)

Name _____ (Please complete information as you wish to be recognized.)

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please charge my VISA MASTERCARD or Check enclosed (payable to CVIM)

Card# _____ Exp. Date _____ 3-digit security code _____ Signature (required) _____

I do not need a thank-you letter from CVIM. Please contact me about making a planned gift or bequest to CVIM

I would like my donation to remain anonymous.

*To qualify for this challenge grant, gifts should be received by CVIM **no later than September 1, 2008**. Gifts received using this form will support CVIM's dental services and the Highmark Foundation's challenge grant. The Highmark Foundation's mission is to improve the health, well-being and quality of life for individuals who reside in the Pennsylvania communities served by Highmark Inc. For more information about the Highmark Foundation, visit www.highmark.com.

Thank you for your support of Centre Volunteers in Medicine!

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