

Spring 2016

MISSION STATEMENT

CENTRE VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE WILL SERVE AND ADVOCATE FOR THE MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED RESIDENTS OF CENTRE COUNTY.

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ALL CENTRE COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE.

**SAVE THE DATES:
THE 2ND ANNUAL CORNHOLE CLASSIC
APRIL 30TH**

**CYCLING FOR CARE
JUNE 25TH**

**THE FLUTOPIA 5K
JULY 30TH**

**BATTLE OF THE MINDS
NOVEMBER 9TH**

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Case Management is the Backbone of CVIM

At Centre Volunteers in Medicine we take a holistic approach to serving our patients. We recognize that our patients are more than just their disease states; their health can be influenced by other needs.

Every patient who seeks assistance at CVIM meets with a case manager who will assess the patient's basic needs. The case manager learns about the patient's living situation and whether (s)he is having difficulty paying bills and has adequate food and clothing. CVIM staff and volunteers understand that basic needs such as housing, heat, and food are as important as good health. We help patients access other services and enroll in benefit programs.

Our case managers are certified application counselors for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace making CVIM one of only two locations in Centre County to assist in navigating the federal marketplace exchange. Patients are helped to explore and apply for any healthcare coverage that they are entitled to but not receiving.

For case managers it doesn't stop there. They continue to track and conduct follow up assessments for all social service referrals and coordinate with the clinical staff to enhance continuity of care for each patient.

Because they are passionate about what they do, case managers are a great resource in the assistance of writing grant applications and fundraising proposals.

Another program offered through our case management services is our annual Diabetic Fair. This event is open to all Centre County residents who have or are at risk of de-

veloping diabetes. Many clinical and non-clinical volunteers come together at the fair to discuss the importance of taking medications as directed, proper nutrition, dental health, exercise, and eye care.

Our staff case manager also does "Dialing for Dollars," an initiative which helps to identify church groups and civic organizations that might be called upon for financial support when a dental patient is in need of dentures.

Please turn to page 2 of this newsletter to read messages from very grateful CVIM patients.



Patients say “Thank You”

The following was posted to the CVIM Facebook page recently...

I would like to thank CVIM for the invaluable assistance they have given me, from providing dental care, assistance with enrollment in the Affordable Care Act, to guiding me with regards to applying for grants to assist with medical bills for gall bladder surgery at Mount Nittany Medical Center in 2014.

I was recently able to direct a friend who has had overwhelming medical bills for his infant son to the billing office where he was able to apply for grants and reduce his hospital bills from approximately \$35,000 to \$6,000. I was able to do this for him because of the information I received from you in 2014. I can never thank you enough for the services that you have provided for me and for what you provide to others in need of assistance.

Dear Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the excellent work you do and the exceptional care you provided me with every time I visited your office. I can't tell you how much I appreciated the time every one there spent with me. Rather than feeling like a burden, or a patient number, I was treated with nothing but kindness and genuine care.

2015 was a year of extreme challenges for me, everything around me was spinning out of my control. I went from living a comparatively normal life with lots of friends to having nothing but the possessions I could fit in my car. Making the decision to leave the state I called home for the past 25 years was almost more than I could handle, but

a necessary move for me.

You all gave me hope when I felt nothing but hopelessness. The fact that you didn't treat me like an irresponsible person with a messed up life speaks volumes to the true character of everyone I met.

I will never forget the compassion I felt from every one of you. I especially want to thank the amazing gynecologist who went above and beyond to help me. She is without question one of the most genuine people I have ever met.

Keep up the good work. You are a God-send!



CVIM volunteers and staff celebrate 13 years of providing care in Centre County.

Other Happenings at CVIM

Our Community Supporting CVIM CVIM's Volunteer Representative

Two local organizations have selected CVIM as the beneficiary of their annual events. Come join the fun!

The Builders' Association of Central PA is holding their **2nd Annual Corn Hole Classic** to benefit CVIM and PAWS of Central PA. Corn Hole, or Bean Bag Toss features teams of two competing for the **CORN HOLE TROPHY!** Go to the Builders' Association website for more information. **APRIL 30th**

The Flutopia Initiative will hold their **4th Annual 5K** on July 30th. The "MOST MUSICAL 5K AROUND" is held at Tudek Park.

Each year Centre County Council for Human Services agencies nominate at least one volunteer to be honored at the annual Rose Cologne dinner.

This year CVIM's representative is Dr. Frank Dankanich. Dr. Dankanich is a recently retired dentist who has volunteered at CVIM for over 11 years. He regularly volunteers at Give Kids a Smile and is a member of the Centre County Dental Task Force.

Dr. Dankanich says, "CVIM has given me an opportunity to give back to our local community in a way that is much more satisfying than treating patients in private practice. Patients' gratitude and appreciation is so very genuine, that it is priceless. And it is fun!"



Dr. Frank Dankanich
CVIM Volunteer

Thank you for making a difference. (NOTE: You may also donate on-line at www.cvim.net.)

Enclosed is my gift of \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other _____

Name _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please charge my VISA M/C or Check enclosed (payable to CVIM)

Credit card number _____ Exp Date _____

Signature (required) _____ Security Code _____

Donations can be mailed to: CVIM, 2520 Green Tech Drive, Suite D, State College, PA 16803

I would like to make this donation to:

_____ the 2016 Marathoners for Medicine Team _____ the 2015 Dental Campaign

_____ I do not need a thank you letter for my gift.



Centre Volunteers

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Community Partner Spotlight

First National Bank provides an annual sponsorship of CVIM's Cycling for Care and Battle of the Minds events.

Regional Manager and Senior Vice President of FNB, Bill Joseph is also

Chair for the CVIM Board of Directors. "First National Bank has a long history of supporting our local community organizations," states Joseph, "especially those with important missions such as CVIM.

Knowing our support stays here in Centre County means we can have a direct impact on the people we serve. CVIM raises up all of Centre County every time they help someone get and stay healthy."

CVIM's volunteers and staff know that without our community partners we could not exist. We thank Bill and all at First National Bank for their continuing support of our missions.

CVIM's Annual Fundraising Events Scheduled



The 8th Annual Cycling for Care will be held on Saturday, June 25th.

Riders will have the option of four rides through picturesque Central PA.

- Full-Century
- Metric Century
- Half-Metric Century,
- 8-mile Family Fun ride.

The 9th Annual Battle of the Minds is set for November 9th at the Penn Stater.

This evening of fun competition features tables of 10 competing in trivia knowledge.

The evening starts with a social hour and gourmet dinner followed by FUN!

Shop at AmazonSmile and Amazon will make a donation to Centre Volunteers in Medicine.

Go to www.AmazonSmile.Org and begin shopping today!

