

HANDS, HEARTS and HEALTH

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Give Kids a Smile Day Works Miracles

CVIM was pleased to serve as the host dental facility on February 21st for members of the Chester/Delaware Dental Society to volunteer time to see children that are in need of dental care in Chester County. Dr. Bernadette Logan and Dr. Linda Himmelberger coordinated the twenty-seven dentists who volunteered in shifts throughout the day. Many of their respective dental assistants graciously came with them to help. This National Program led by the American Dental Association was planned during February's Children's Dental Health Month to raise the level of awareness of the lack of access to dental care in this nation-often termed the neglected epidemic!

Alberta Landis, RDH, Dental Manager of CVIM worked closely with the school nurses and school dental hygienists in Downingtown, Avon Grove, Kennett, and West Chester School Districts to arrange for children to come for dental care. Children served are not eligible for any dental program and many are in pain every day. Thanks to the school districts and Father Frank Depman, Mission Santa Maria in Avondale, the children were transported by buses or vans to CVIM for their treatment. There were 73 children seen during the day's event and a retail value of \$20,000 in dental work was provided free of charge for these children.

Meet the CVIM Board Officers

Vincent G. Bell, JR, serves as our Chairman and is one of the founding members of our Board. As a long standing Paoli Memorial Hospital Trustee, Buck has been a visionary leader in developing CVIM. He has been a leader of philanthropy for the program and was recognized for our Pillar Award in 2001.

Community Volunteers in Medicine recently named Virginia Fanfera, R.N. to fill the Vice-Chairman vacancy created by the late Gordon B. Hattersley, JR, one of our founding Board members. Ms. Fanfera has been volunteering for CVIM from the very formative stages of its development. In addition to her philanthropic contributions, she volunteers a minimum of two days a week and manages the Drug Assistance Program with a team of six other volunteers to obtain \$300,000 to \$500,000 in

pharmaceutical support for the patients.

Margaret Rivello serves as Secretary to the Board and is also Director of Administrative and Support Services for the Chester County Health Department. As a public health professional Ms. Rivello also chairs the Public Health Advisory Committee for CVIM. Four times a year, CVIM brings leaders of multiple health and human services agencies together to share information and assure that services are not duplicated and that collaboration is facilitated.

Margaret Sullivan serves as Treasurer of CVIM and volunteers one to two days a week to assure that our financial business is in order. She is responsible for the financial accounting and works with the Board, the CEO, and the Director of Development to maintain a viable organization. ♥



With the leadership of Melanie Cost, a Henderson High School junior, many of her school colleagues planned many educational activities for the children while they waited their turn to be treated. Coming to the dentist was a very positive experience for these children who will be scheduled for recalls so that all of their dental needs can be met. Each child also received a fluoride varnish treatment to prevent decay. When people come together to help others, miracles happen. CVIM is most grateful for the gifts of our professional colleagues in our community. CVIM also acknowledges the support of BJ's Wholesale Club, WAWA (Boot Rd & Rt 100); and Giunta's Thriftway for their in-kind support of snacks. ♥

Volunteers Contribute to the Support Hope Campaign

CVIM volunteers have contributed over \$41,000 to the Support Hope campaign this past year. Not only do they freely volunteer their time and talents, they are making strong financial commitments to the organization. In addition, they supported many of our needy patients over the holidays with food baskets and gift certificates. Thanks for a job well done!! ♥

Board Members Speak

Jack Hoopes: "I serve on the Board of CVIM because I believe that the folks whose lives we are helping to make healthier deserve support. These people are looking for a 'hand up' not a 'handout.' I am attracted to the idea that they are trying to help themselves not just waiting for someone else to provide for them."

Dick Greene: "Serving CVIM provides me with the opportunity and privilege to share my experience, abilities, and blessings in a very direct way with community neighbors who need and appreciate our help". ♥



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Smoking Cessation Success at CVIM

“One of the reasons I want to quit smoking is for the people at CVIM. I don’t have a lot of money, so it’s one of the few ways I can give something back to everyone who has given me such good care.” — S.W.

This is only one of the wonderful remarks made by a patient attending the Smoking Cessation Program offered at CVIM. What’s even more remarkable is that all of the patients seem to feel this way. Although each of the participants has individual reasons to quit smoking, I’ve learned that they also want to quit for us - their healthcare providers.

The current Smoking Cessation Program is offered Monday evenings at CVIM. The evening class has turned out to be our most successful. Perhaps it just works out to be a great time to meet for those patients who are working during the day, but I think there’s more. We start our program as a group of strangers, with the same goal in mind. Before long, the group has bonded and relies on each other for support and encouragement. Each week we discuss a different topic including the health benefits of becoming a non-smoker, nicotine replacement therapy, behavior modification, nutrition and exercise, and strategies to remain a non-smoker long-term. Success rates have been high for those patients who have completed the program.

The previous two programs have helped eight patients quit smoking. Our current group consists of eight patients who have been smoke-free since February 1, 2003. Our next program will begin in early April. There are ten patients who have already inquired about participating. It is important to note that CVIM continues to support our smoke-free graduates as long as they come to CVIM. ♥

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The West Chester Junior New Century Club (JNCC) adopted multiple individuals and families from Thanksgiving through Christmastime. They provided holiday meals, gift certificates and more for over 25 families. JNCC has adopted CVIM for two years. The JNCC’s objective is to maintain a center for the intellectual, moral, and social development of women equipping them for service in the community. Their goal is to make the community a better place through service. CVIM is a grateful recipient of JNCC’s amazing outpouring and outreach.

CVIM Acknowledges Its Holiday “Angels”

CVIM is grateful to the many individuals, groups and corporations that adopted families this past holiday season. Over 80 families enjoyed a bright season thanks to the generosity of our community partners. A listing of our holiday “angels” are as follows:

- Eric and Susan Eichler Family
- The John Elicker Family
- The Kevin Galbraith Family
- Stacy Rucker
- Hubert and Anne Schoemaker
- Vernon and Sarah Walker
- West Chester Junior New Century Club
- The Steven Webster Family
- Cherie Wright
- The Ted Van Buren Family ♥
- Citadel Federal Credit Union (Beth Gregor)
- Copeland Run Academy
- Dewey Homes (Randy Kraus)
- Great Valley Presbyterian
- Women’s Auxillary (Judy Owens)
- Manchester (Sherry Flaxenburg)
- Paoli Presbyterian Church (Meagan Willits)
- Paoli Memorial Hospital (Sandy Karger)
- ReMax Homes- (Cindy Harris)
- Omega Design Corporation (Ginger Bruno)
- The Christopher Aceto Family
- The Tim Cost Family
- Wendy David
- Greg and Janice Decker
- The Flanigan Family



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CVIM appreciates your consideration of a gift through wills and bequests. Our future depends on building a strong endowment for our organization. For further information, please contact Helen Heidelbaugh, (610) 836-5990 x 102. ♥

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