Celebrating 20 Years of Healthcare, Hope and Healing

Everyone Deserves Access to Healthcare

For two decades, Community Volunteers in Medicine has served as the critically needed safety net for the uninsured in the Chester County region, providing free, high quality medical and dental care. Today, the need for CVIM is greater than ever.

Since opening our doors in 1998 we have remained steadfast in our mission to provide free healthcare to our neighbors in need throughout the Chester County region. We treat everyone with dignity, competence, care and compassion – creating a circle of caring for those who are often rendered invisible and excluded.

Keeping the Chester County Region Healthy

CVIM is a nationally-recognized non-profit healthcare provider. Our growth and impact can be felt and measured in the over $50 million in free healthcare services we have delivered to the community during our 20 year history.

Access to healthcare is currently more uncertain than ever, but CVIM stands ready to accept new patients. Over the past two decades, over 20,000 individuals have received medical and dental care at CVIM, which translates into half a million patient visits. We have broadened our outreach by providing dental care in the community to nearly 10,000 school-aged children. We also offer community-based mental health, wellness and prevention, and education programs.

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CVIM blends the art of humanity with the science of medicine. We are who we are today because of the human bonds we have formed with the people we serve; the thousands of volunteers who go above and beyond to enrich the lives of those in need; the generosity of our devoted donors; our staff and Board of Directors who work tirelessly to further our mission.

The Need Continues

For thousands in the Chester County region the need for healthcare will be greater than ever and CVIM stands ready to respond. During our twentieth anniversary in 2018 we will celebrate our past and work to secure our future, so we can continue to be responsive and provide access to high quality healthcare to every individual and family in need. In celebration of our 20th year we recognize and thank all of you who have helped CVIM grow into the healthcare home we are today.

Together, WEARECVIM
Partnerships with Purpose

“From what we get, we can make a living; from what we give, however, makes a life .”
- Arthur Ashe

CVIM is committed to educating the future workforce and welcomes over 200 students each year, providing them with over 12,000 hours of hands on educational experience. A key partnership is with West Chester University students who fill the halls of our healthcare center each week. They greet patients at our front office as Spanish Language Interns, work alongside our Athletic Trainer as they apply their training to help heal our patients and participate in health education in our waiting room to ensure patients have access to the tools they need to live healthier lives. Back in the classrooms on campus, students enroll in Service-Learning Courses focusing on ways to help CVIM by producing promotional materials to spread the word about our services and they work to engage more students in volunteerism and philanthropy. They study hard in nursing, nutrition and social services programs so when they join CVIM as interns they are confident in their skills and prepared to make an impact in the lives of patients.

The students at WCU are an integral part of helping us reach more patients in need in our community and we are committed not only to helping them build their professional skills in a community setting, but also to opening our doors to students who find themselves without insurance and in need of medical or dental care. CVIM’s partnership with WCU’s leadership promotes a brighter future for students and patients alike, encourages community involvement, volunteerism and philanthropy and strengthens the future of our community one student and one patient at a time.

ZOOM Transportation
Eliminating Barriers to Care

Family Service of Chester County has partnered with CVIM to meet the transportation needs of our patients through the “ZOOM” program. Volunteer ZOOM drivers use a web based system to choose the rides they can provide and are matched with a patient in need of transportation to medical and dental appointments.

Since its launch earlier this year, ZOOM has provided over 200 trips to and from CVIM. ZOOM client Vicente Sanchez shares, “I work full time, and before the ZOOM program I had to take a whole day off work to be able to get my wife or myself to our medical appointments. When I (took) public transportation to medical appointments, I would need to take three different buses to make it one way, which takes several hours. The ZOOM volunteers have made me feel less stressed and able to keep up with my job and my health at the same time.”

Chester County Hospital Gives Back

On behalf of the Chester County Hospital staff, Scott Greenley, Director of Nutrition Services and Mike Duncan, President and CEO of CCH/Penn Medicine present Maureen Tomoschuk with a generous donation of the event proceeds from the annual Jody Cialini Employee Golf Outing. We are grateful for all the Chester County Hospital/Penn Medicine team does for CVIM and our many shared patients!
**Building a Stronger Community, Together**

**Pennsylvania Medical Society Awards Grant for Healthy Living in Ethnic Communities to CVIM**

Our friends at the Pennsylvania Medical Society have supported CVIM through the volunteerism of various PAMED Society members for many years. This year their generosity was extended with a $5,000 grant for Healthy Living in Ethnic Communities. This grant will help us continue to provide quality coordinated care for our ethnically diverse population.

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**Thank you, Community Partners**

Thank you to the Home Builders Association of Chester and Delaware Counties for selecting CVIM as their Partner Nonprofit of the Year. During their Fall event at Tague Lumber they presented a collection of dental supplies, greatly appreciated by our youngest patients! We look forward to working with the HBA throughout the year.

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**Volley for Health!**

The Volley for Health volleyball tournament took place October 7th at Competitive Edge Sports in King of Prussia. CVIM volunteer and former PharmD student, Danielle Groth, put together the tournament to raise money for CVIM. Danielle’s efforts secured more than $1,200 in donations to CVIM and she is committed to hosting the event each year until her goal of $10,000 is reached. Thank you, Danielle, for your infectious spirit and love of CVIM!

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**Patient Education**

CVIM’s Patient Education Navigation program is launching a brand new initiative utilizing Patient Advocates to assist patients in taking control of their health. Patient Advocates will take part in visits with patients being treated for a chronic disease to help them understand directions for taking medications and using teach-back methods to ensure understanding.

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**Welcome, Jason!**

We are happy to introduce Jason Arbacheski who has joined CVIM as our Director of Development. His ten years of development experience at Main Line Health will help us in our philanthropic efforts to secure CVIM’s financial future.
On September 26th we celebrated our volunteers and recognized their outstanding service at our Annual Volunteer Recognition event at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Thank you to our 435 volunteers for everything you do to make CVIM a healthcare home for thousands of uninsured in our community!

Harrison Society

The legacy of Dr. Frank Harrison lives on at CVIM in the care our volunteers provide for patients each day. Honoring those who annually donate $1,000 or more, the Harrison Society is looking forward to celebrating our inaugural members and welcoming new members throughout our fiscal year.

For more information on becoming a member of the Harrison Society, please contact Jason Arbacheski (jarbacheski@cvim.org) 610-836-5990 ext. 132.

Dr. Harrison's daughter Leah, wife Joan and daughter Ann at the Harrison Society kick-off event in March of 2017.

Save the Date

Polka Dots Boutique
Tuesday, December 5th, 2017
- Shop for the holiday season with us from 5-8pm at Polka Dots Boutique in Paoli. A percentage of all sales will go to CVIM!

20th Anniversary Volunteer Recognition Event
Tuesday, April 10th, 2018
- Volunteers, mark your calendars for an evening reception at the Desmond Hotel. We will be celebrating your dedication of time and talent to CVIM's mission and hope you can join us!

17th Annual Golf Classic
Tuesday, June 12th, 2018
- Join us at Applebrook Golf Club in support of our mission to provide the uninsured in our community quality, affordable healthcare.

20th Anniversary Gala
Thursday, October 11th, 2018
- Our twentieth anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate our past, secure our future and honor those who have played an integral role in supporting CVIM and our shared community. Join us for an evening celebration at the Ellis Preserve in Newtown Square.