Volunteering is a Work of Heart

No where is this statement more inspirational than at Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM). On an annual basis over 400 volunteers are the backbone, life blood and heart of our free healthcare home. They donate their precious time and talent to serve their neighbors in need – the most vulnerable among us who work hard but who have no other access to medical, dental, behavioral health, prescription medication, and healthcare education.

Our volunteers help CVIM transform our region by building a healthier community one person at a time. During National Volunteer Week, April 7 – 13, we honored and celebrated them for helping us provide the programs and services that would not exist without their dedication. Close to 43,000 patient visits were provided to more than 4,000 adults, children and seniors because of the power of our volunteers.

Preparing for this special week of recognition we realized that CVIM has a unique subset of volunteers – eight couples who both volunteer (many at the same time!) to advance patient engagement and quality healthcare. From file management to front desk coordination, from board membership to building trust, from dentist to doctor – no task goes undone because they live the mission of CVIM by helping to provide Healthcare, Hope and Healing.

It is our privilege to highlight some of these dynamic duos who inspire all of us to work harder to make a difference. Thank you to all of our volunteers for choosing CVIM as your volunteer home. We celebrate all of you, everyday!

Together, WE ARE CVIM
An Evening of Celebration

Honoring Members of The Harrison Society

Terrain Gardens in Devon was the site for The Harrison Society reception on March 26. Maureen Tomoshuck, President & CEO, paid tribute to CVIM’s supporters and Mrs. Joan Harrison and her family awarded the Dr. Frank Harrison Society Award to CVIM Board member and volunteer Kathleen “Murfee” Aceto, RN for her long-standing commitment to CVIM. Many thanks to Terrain who served as the Presenting Sponsor for this wonderful event. The Harrison Society consists of 120 individuals who have contributed annual gifts of $1,000 or more to CVIM.

Kathleen “Murfee” Aceto, RN, third from right front, surrounded by her family, proudly displays the Dr. Frank Harrison Society with Joan Harrison.

Gail Wygant, at left, enjoys the evening with CVIM volunteer Linda DeNardo.

“I am honored and humbled to have been a part of the CVIM family for 20 years. I feel that together we have all made a huge impact on our community delivering high quality medical and dental care with compassion and dignity. I myself have grown professionally and my life has been profoundly touched by my fellow volunteers, our top notched staff, and the patients we have served.”

Kathleen “Murfee” Aceto, RN
2019 Dr. Frank Harrison Society Award Recipient

L-R: CVIM Board Chair Skip Withrow chatting with Bikram Chadha, member of the Aceto family.

Joan Harrison talks with Dr. Harrison’s long-time physician partner and friend Peter Spitzer, MD, FACP, Bryn Mawr Personal Healthcare.

For more information about The Harrison Society, please contact Jason Arbacheski, Director of Development at 610-836-5990, ext. 132.

CVIM Ranked At the Top for High Standards and Accountability

Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM) is proud to be the recipient of the GuideStar Exchange Platinum Seal and Charity Navigator Four-Star Rating (national independent organizations). This means CVIM works toward our mission while adhering to meeting the highest standards of financial health, accountability, and transparency practices.
CVIM has been serving the community for 20 years with 18 of them in our current location. During these 18 years we have experienced record patient volume increases year after year and have extended patient care hours (now five days and two evenings a week) to accommodate those in need. This equates to nearly 55 hours per week or 2,500 hours of direct patient care services annually. In addition we provide programs and services on occasional weekends for targeted outreach for our Children’s Dental program and other patient and community groups.

What does this mean – the CVIM healthcare home has experienced A LOT of wear and tear! In 2018 we completed a facility audit and identified several items that need a patient safety upgrade. These include: nonskid flooring everywhere not carpeted, patient waiting room furniture, a full facility generator, pharmacy grade refrigerator and new dental operatory dividers.

It is with deep gratitude that we thank the following generous funders who have stepped forward to help us proceed with these needed upgrades:

Community Clothes Charity
Crystal Trust
McLean Contributionship
Scholler Foundation
Welfare Foundation

Thank you for your belief in our mission and for providing for our patients!
Seeing is Believing

A number of years ago, a close personal friend of Bob and Carlene West mentioned they volunteer as a nurse at CVIM. The West's were very intrigued that local medical and dental professionals volunteer their time to provide free care to those who are often excluded from accessing and receiving basic health and dental care - the working poor in our community.

“Medical professionals are so close to the inner workings of our overall health system,” said Carlene. “The fact that CVIM’s clinical volunteers are able to witness both the advantages and disadvantages of healthcare and volunteer their own time to give back in this area communicates to us that CVIM is able to provide so much health care on a volunteer basis. This allows a very high percentage of every charitable dollar given to end up directly benefitting patients.”

Bob, a professor at Villanova University’s School of Business, adds: “It helps to actually see CVIM in action – we visited the health center a little over a year ago and were blown away by the commitment to patient care that we heard in each and every conversation we had with many volunteers that day. We realize that particular group of volunteers was just one of many groups that come in and out of CVIM a few times a day. Carlene and I believe in CVIM’s mission and see that those involved with the inner workings (leadership, medical, and administrative staff) to bring that mission about are also committed to seeing this vision happen.”

When asked why they choose to charitably invest in CVIM, Bob and Carlene both smile, “We believe we are just like other donors, in that they give to an organization because they believe in that organization’s particular mission. We all want to see as much of our charitable dollars go towards that cause as much as possible. With all of the volunteer hours at CVIM, that clearly happens! And in this day and age, with all that is happening in our healthcare system, there is clearly a growing need for CVIM’s mission – which is helping those in need ensure they have access to quality health care.”

At the Intersection of Philanthropy and Investment

Thank you for supporting Community Volunteers in Medicine. Your donations are transforming lives.

CVIM brings together the social good of philanthropy and passion for healthcare. We could not be more grateful for the remarkable generosity of individuals, foundations, corporations, and organizations throughout our community who have supported CVIM this year, contributing more than $2 million to date. As we embark on the final months of CVIM’s Fiscal Year end (June 30), we ask that you consider a personal charitable gift to help us reach our $3 million goal this year in support of CVIM’s patient programs. Year to year, CVIM’s entire general operations are funded by community-based philanthropy so our volunteers can provide access to free healthcare to the uninsured.

To make a secure online donation, access cvim.org and click the “Donate Now” button. Please contact Denise Mahal, Vice President of Development, 610-836-5990, ext. 108 for more information. Thank you!

Did you know if you shop on Amazon you can shop through AmazonSmile and Amazon will give a percentage of your purchase to the charity of your choice? Simply go to AmazonSmile, select Community Volunteers in Medicine as your charity and shop as you normally would. Consider making the shopping you are already doing go further with just a click!
CVIM Elects Three New Members to Board of Directors

CVIM’s Board of Directors assists in the organization’s fundraising, financial, logistic, and organizational needs. We are honored to say thank you to our departing Board members - Kathleen Aceto, Michael J. Buongiorno, and Kenneth F. Flickinger for their unending dedication and service to CVIM during their three consecutive, three year terms. With their departure we will be welcoming three new individuals who will begin their terms in July of 2019. We thank each of the following community members who will bring their unique talents and expertise to CVIM:

**Brian Dellinger** currently serves as Controller of Main Line Health System. Prior to his current role, Brian served as Director of Finance for Paoli Hospital.

**Nancy McLelland** is very active with local not-for-profit profit organizations helping them achieve their missions and assessing their impact. Nancy previously worked in commercial lending and corporate accounting.

**Manuel “Manny” Mar, Jr.** is Senior Vice President and Senior Relationship Manager within the Global Commercial Banking line of business at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

“I am extremely confident that Brian, Nancy, and Manny's professional experiences and passion for CVIM’s mission will serve us well,” said Maureen Tomoschuk, President and Chief Executive Officer. “They are a valued and welcomed addition to our board and to the CVIM community.” Welcome to CVIM!

Volunteer Week

Our volunteers are an essential and integral part of our team. Last year 442 volunteers donated 57,370 hours of their time to CVIM. They assist every staff member and team - from clinicians, language interpretation, administration, facilities, outreach, and patient education, they are core members of CVIM.

During National Volunteer Week, April 7 – 13, the CVIM Volunteer Committee planned and coordinated efforts to thank all of our volunteers with a catered meal each day. Provided by local restaurants and vendors, each gathering gave CVIM a chance to relax, engage, and thank our expert volunteers that come in each day and help with all facets of operations. The week was highlighted by a barbeque cookout on Wednesday and entertainment by the Magician Fantastic Frankie on Friday.

Thank you to the many volunteers, board members, and staff who participated in making this special week such a success.

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18th Annual Golf Classic

Tuesday, June 11 at Applebrook Golf Club

Mark your calendars and join CVIM at our premier annual fundraising event! The tournament raises community awareness and support for the prevention, wellness, and educational services and programs provided by CVIM. Honorary Chair this year is James J. Smart and the co-chairs are CVIM Board members Rick Warther and Ted Pacitti.

The CVIM Annual Golf Classic features competitive golf on a challenging and beautiful course, contests, fabulous food and all the amenities our repeat golfers have come to expect from this premier event. Please contact Jason Arbacheski, Director of Development, at 610.836.5990 x132 or jarbacheski@cvim.org for more information.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, players and many longtime volunteers, over $4 million has been raised through the Golf Classic over the last 17 years. This year’s event sponsors at the time of print include the following and many others:

You Love Us Now, Love Us Forever

Remember CVIM in Your Will and Leave Your Mark on Our Future

You love our organization and we love you right back.
Do you want to know how you can really show your love for CVIM? A bequest can be allocated to a person or family, or it can be allocated as a charitable bequest to a non-profit organization such as CVIM. Just 1% of your estate allocated to CVIM can possibly make a huge difference in CVIM’s ability to provide compassionate medical and dental care to the working poor – and does not cost you anything.

The CVIM Cornerstone Society recognizes and honors those individuals who have included CVIM in their long-term financial and estate plans, through a bequest provision in their will, or other means. A planned gift to CVIM as part of your estate plan provides a meaningful way of extending personal gratitude and appreciation to CVIM. For more information about these and other easy ways to create a legacy gift at CVIM, contact Jason Arbacheski, Director of Development at 610-836-5990, ext. 132, or email him at JArbacheski@cvim.org.

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