

um of the school, 435 Washington Ave., Downingtown. Over 30 families will be selling spring/summer items. In addition to children's items, there will also be adult clothes, household goods, books and furniture. This is a cash-only sale; no credit cards or checks will be accepted. Many items will be marked down for the last hour of the sale. All proceeds will benefit the schoolchildren.

**Training Workshop**

**The Volunteer English Program in Chester County** will sponsor a two-session, six-hour training workshop for individuals who wish to tutor English as a second language (ESL) to an adult immigrant or refugee. The workshop will be held at Keshet Israel Congregation, 1000 Pottstown Pike, West Chester, on Monday, April 15; Thursday, April 18; and Monday, April 22, from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information or to register for the workshop, contact 610-918-8222 or visit [www.volunteerenglish.org](http://www.volunteerenglish.org).

**Fundraiser**

**A beef and beverage party** will take place on Friday, April 5, at the Coatesville Moose Lodge, 1200 Airport Road, Coatesville, from 7 to 11 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Downingtown Cobras, a youth inline hockey club at the United Sports Training Center. A disc jockey will provide musical entertainment throughout the evening. Tickets will be discounted when purchased in advance and are limited. For tickets or corporate sponsorships, readers may contact Steve Hafele at 610-466-7100, ext. 116, or [shafele@unitedsports.net](mailto:shafele@unitedsports.net).

Loretta Gable Englerth of Coatesville. They presented 23 awards to the

High School (CASH) and Conestoga Christian School (CCS).

DHSE art teacher Becky Lister. Taeyoung said that he has always

design; Jessie Potts, mixed media; Natalie

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**New Patients Welcome**

# CVIM Offers Medical And Dental Care To Those In Need



*Community Volunteers in Medicine in West Chester provides health care to uninsured, low-income individuals in Chester County, thanks to a team of 250 volunteer licensed health care professionals. The staff includes (from left) Maureen Tomoschuk, president and CEO; Dr. Peter Thompson, dentist; and Dr. Mary Wirshup, vice president of medical affairs.*

**By Francine Futlon**

Those who have a job, but are not provided health insurance by their employers are invited to take advantage of all the health and dental services that are offered by Community Volunteers in Medicine

(CVIM) located in West Chester. CVIM, which was created in 1997, provides health care to uninsured, low-income individuals in Chester County, thanks to a team of 250 volunteer licensed health care professionals. See CVIM pg 2

**Free Admission**

# Church To Present Christian Musical

## Event Will Kick Off Anniversary Celebration

**By Francine Fulton**

The Christian musical "Celebrate Life" will be presented by the adult choir at St. Peter Catholic Church in West Brandywine on Sunday, April 7, at

3 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public.

This musical presentation tells the entire story of Christ - from prophecy through his birth, ministry, death, burial and resurrection. A reception will immediately follow the program in the narthex. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

Choir member Bev White explained that the performance will include over 15 songs that the choir has been

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*The adult choir at St. Peter Catholic Church in West Brandywine will present the Christian musical "Celebrate Life" on Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m. The choir is led by Veronique Hadfield (back, right), and parish organist is Kathy Hoffman (center), standing next to pastor Michael Fitzpatrick.*

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including physicians, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, social workers and more.

Those who are interested in CIM's services must first call to schedule an eligibility appointment. "We answer 35 to 50 phone calls a day, reviewing the criteria," said Maureen Tomoschuk, CVIM president and CEO. "Patients have to be eligible, so they get a screening appointment where we verify their income and (determine) that they live or work in Chester County. Then, we make sure that they don't have any insurance."

Tomoschuk said it is common for workers not to be offered health insurance by their employers. "Basically, we serve the working poor," she said. "Many people work multiple jobs trying to make a living, but they have no insurance from any of

their jobs because they are hourly employees. We have people who used to have full-time jobs but were made part-time. We see all kinds of situations like that."

All services are free, but donations are requested. "All of our patients are scheduled, just like any primary care office or dental office," she said. "When we do appointment reminders, we tell people we are a free clinic, but donations are welcome. Even a \$5 contribution is helpful."

If additional testing is needed, free and reduced-rate screenings are provided, in cooperation with local health care facilities. "We have wonderful partnerships with Chester County Hospital and Mainline Health and Paoli Hospital. They donate a whole host of services for our patients - laboratory services, diagnostic radiology

services and more," she said.

In addition to the paid staff, doctors who volunteer their services are critical to the operation of the facility. "We have a core group of paid staff who does the credentialing process (for the doctors)," she said. "We have a host of specialized physicians - endocrinologists, neurologists, orthopedists - that all donate their time."

The facility has one major fundraiser a year - a golf classic - but most of the support is provided by philanthropic donations. The facility is also a success because of the volunteers. "We are constantly trying to recruit additional volunteers, which would allow us to see more patients," Tomoschuk said. "We also need front office volunteers, and we need people with bilingual skills."

The CVIM facility, measuring 10,000 square feet includes offices, examination rooms, a

complete pharmacy, a laboratory and a volunteer lounge. CVIM offers a smoking cessation program, nutrition programs, diabetes education counseling, and more. The building also includes a complete dental office, and free dental care is offered to youngsters, who are bused to the facility from the southern Chester County area. "We accommodate three dental emergencies a day," Tomoschuk noted.

Last year, CVIM managed over 26,000 patient visits, which is more than 2,160 a month. "We've had four years of sustained growth," Tomoschuk said, noting the facility is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year. "We are taking on more of the community need in these very challenging times," she said.

CVIM is located at 300 B Lawrence Drive, West Chester. For additional information, readers may call 610-836-5990 or visit [www.cvim.org](http://www.cvim.org).