In the 15 years since its inception, Community Volunteers in Medicine has become known in the community as a rewarding place to volunteer. While CVIM tries to honor volunteers every day, National Volunteer Week offers a chance to schedule some special recognition activities. One of the most anticipated highlights of the week are the donated food items from local restaurants and cafés. For the second year in a row the CVIM Volunteer Committee, Board members and staff went out into the community to procure treats for the entire week.

One individual who took the challenge very seriously was Marion Murphy, a member of both the CVIM Board of Directors and the Volunteer Committee. When Marion stopped to request a food donation at Fire House Subs in Frazer, PA, she did not expect to find a full circle of grateful friends. Not only did store manager Renee Lowe donate free hoagies, but she shared that her employee, Greg, was a patient at CVIM. Marion was able to meet Greg, who expressed his extreme gratitude and appreciation for the care he has received at CVIM.

Greg shared that he has been a patient at CVIM since 2005, receiving medical and dental care, counseling services and prescription medication free of charge. Perhaps most importantly he believes the support and compassion he receives from everyone at CVIM is what changed his life. Greg told Marion that, “A few years ago, I was desperate and contemplating taking my life. I called other medical clinics in the area and nobody would see me because I had no insurance or money to pay”. Once Greg contacted CVIM, the scheduling team got him an emergency appointment with a volunteer counselor as quickly as possible. Shortly after he was screened for eligibility and became an official patient. In Greg’s opinion, “For people who do not have any other option, CVIM is life-saving - literally”.

Today, Greg appreciates his own health and wellbeing and believes preserving a good quality of life is of the utmost importance. He wants others to know that, “CVIM has been a God-send to me and can be for others. You should always take advantage of getting the care you need.”

For Marion, who retired from the CVIM Board in June after many years of committed service, the events of Volunteer Week will remain with her forever. “I started volunteering with CVIM 15 years ago,” Marion says. “CVIM is right in line with my philosophy of trying to be useful and giving back to the community.” In this case, she did much more than repay her neighbors - she connected a full circle of charity.

From April 22nd through the 26th, Fire House Subs along with Olive Garden, Clay’s Creative Corner Bakery, Frankie’s Fellini Café, Carlino’s Specialty Foods, Giant, Wawa, Burlap and Bean, ShopRite, Panera Bread, Anthony’s Pizza & Italian Restaurant, Dixie Picnic, Acme, and Subway sponsored Volunteer Week to celebrate those who give people like Greg the life-saving care they need. Senator Andrew Dinniman personally visited the clinic to deliver citations to every CVIM volunteer.
As CVIM’s fiscal year came to a close on June 30th one fact remained clear – CVIM is a desperately needed healthcare resource in Chester County. We may live in the wealthiest county in the Commonwealth, but for the fifth year in a row CVIM continued to experience significant growth in the number of patients served and services provided.

CVIM has been and always will be the safety net provider of free primary care to the uninsured in our community. As healthcare reform moves forward, CVIM will remain a patient advocate offering our patients direct care as well as help in connecting with agencies and insurance programs that can best serve their needs.

Because of the generosity of our community partners, dedicated volunteers and donors, CVIM has an unshakeable commitment to continue in our mission to provide medical and dental care to those who live in poverty in our shared community.

I thank you for your support and belief in all we do.

Sincerely,

Maureen Tomoschuk
President and CEO

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CVIM Pillar Society Celebration

On May 2, 2013 CVIM proudly welcomed 15 new members into our Pillar Society and honored all donors who have cumulatively given gifts of over $100,000. Recognized during this special evening was the philanthropic generosity of the individuals, corporations, foundations and organizations that have supported CVIM at this leadership level.

Held at Radnor Hunt and graciously hosted by Mrs. J. Maxwell Moran, it was a beautiful spring night to celebrate CVIM’s 15 years of service to those in need in Chester County. A new 15th Anniversary video was unveiled and each inductee was invited to the podium to share their personal thoughts of why they support CVIM.

CVIM is profoundly grateful and deeply appreciative of all Pillar Society members, whose partnership helps us serve needy families throughout the region.

Front row (L to R): Nancy Weaver, Liz Golding, Carol Ware, Rev. Virginia Olszewski, Elizabeth Moran. Back row (L to R): Don Weaver, Dr. Thomas Vernon, Larry Genuardi, Meredith Huffman, Jim Paradis, Linda Calderin, Diego Calderin, Joanne Walsh, Ray Welsh, Beverly Constable.

Betty Moran welcomes Pillar Society inductees and guests.

CVIM Pillar Awards
CVIM 12th Annual Golf Classic was held on Tuesday, June 11th at Applebrook Golf Club. Honorary Chair, Kevin Mahoney, Senior VP and CAO of Penn Medicine and our Co-Chairs Betty Moran and Stacy Sempier welcomed 156 golfers who played in morning and afternoon flights.

The proceeds from this year’s outing will help CVIM provide more than 5,000 patient visits in the clinic! Over the last 12 years more than $2.7 million has been raised in support of CVIM programs and services. We thank our golfers, sponsors and volunteers who all helped to make the day so special!

The CVIM 13th Annual Golf Classic is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2014 MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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Polka Dots boutique of Paoli again hosted a “Girls Shopping Night” on April 23rd with wine, snacks and a portion of all proceeds benefiting CVIM.

Dr. Mike Boyle, Associate Professor of Communication Studies at West Chester University, donated his services to produce a wonderful video honoring the clinic’s 15 years of serving Chester County. To watch the video, scan the QR code or visit our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/cvimwestchester.

Spring Into Wellness: Community Well took place at the Church of the Loving Shepherd in West Chester. The event, organized by Rachel Donley a West Chester University student was an opportunity for the community to learn how to create a healthier life through the practice of yoga, meditation, Qi Gong, and and more. All donations were given to support CVIM.

Many thanks to our new community partners, Visual Perceptions Photography for their beautiful images of our patients and staff.
A Prestigious Award Season for CVIM!

On June 27th, CVIM was honored as the Main Line Chamber of Commerce – 2013 Nonprofit of the Year. The award is presented annually to a nonprofit organization that has had a significant impact on the community and distinguished itself as a leader in its field.

Maureen Tomoschuk, CVIM President and CEO, was honored with the SmartCEO's Brava! Award on July 24th. The award recognizes entrepreneurial spirit and passion for giving back to the community.

The Philadelphia Business Journal named CVIM one of its Best Places to Work. The award, presented on September 18th, recognizes positive work environment, retention of employees and company culture.

Teva Pharmaceuticals and the Philadelphia Eagles awarded CVIM with a Community Partnership Award to honor volunteers during a special Celebration of Volunteers event. (To be highlighted in CVIM winter newsletter)