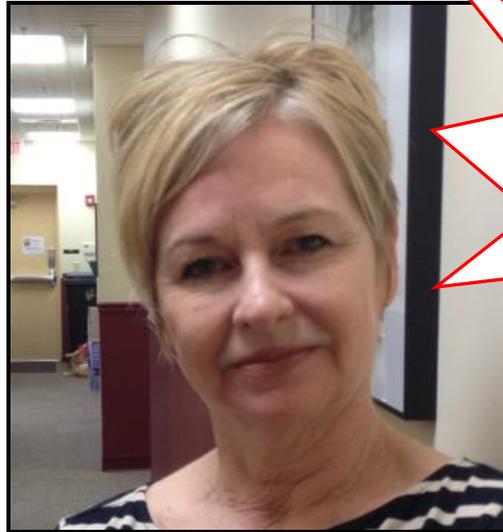


## Volunteer Star



**CAROLE MONAHAN, R.N.**

**NURSING  
2 Years**

### **What duties do you perform in your volunteer role at CVIM?**

I take patients' vital signs and determine the reason for their visit. When needed, I do EKGs, some lab tests, peak flows and spirometry tests, and also administer vaccines. Then I give the doctors a brief report and alert them if any serious problems need to be addressed.

### **What brought you to volunteer at CVIM?**

I had always wanted to volunteer but was either working or going to college. After I retired, I had the time to volunteer. A friend who knew Dr. Wirshup suggested CVIM.

### **How does volunteering at CVIM make you feel?**

I believe that access to medical care should be a given in our country as it is in most developed countries. My volunteer work therefore allows me to do something about an issue I feel strongly about. I really enjoy talking with the patients, who are a very diverse group of people, and listening to their concerns. They are very grateful for the care they receive at CVIM, and I'm happy to have been a part of that.

### **What would you tell your friends to interest them in volunteering at the clinic?**

It is a great organization where they can use their professional skills and knowledge to help others. Being a volunteer at CVIM really makes a difference in people's lives.

### **What other hats have you worn?**

I have degrees in English and Library Science and worked as a children's librarian for several years before I raised a family. I then got my nursing degree and worked at Chester County Hospital for 10 years. I am now working at a CHOP care network practice. I've also been a volunteer at Planned Parenthood.

### **When you're not at CVIM, what are a few of the things you do for enjoyment?**

I am a voracious reader, and I love to go to dinners, movies, plays, and concerts in the city with family and friends. I also love to travel.

