

## Volunteer Star



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**NURSING**  
13 Years

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

I perform nursing duties similar to those of an office nurse. I take patients' height, weight, and vital signs and chart their chief complaint. I also draw blood and prepare specimens for outside testing as well as do EKGs and other tests when appropriate. I help introduce nursing students from West Chester University to CVIM and the work it does in the community.

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

I learned about CVIM from my friend, Jean Welz, who was a dental volunteer. I had just retired and wanted to stay active in the medical field.

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

It takes the combined forces of many people in various disciplines to deliver medical care. As a nurse, I feel like an important player on the CVIM team. We work together to provide the patient with the very best medical care and follow up in a kind and supportive manner. That is a very good feeling!

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

Volunteers come to CVIM with a smile on their face. We all want to be here to help those without insurance. That makes the patients feel good and our smiles brighter!

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

Over the years I've had a variety of nursing positions. I've worked in the hospital, in a doctor's office, and as a visiting nurse. While raising my five children, I was able to help out in their schools as well as be a camp nurse.

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

I enjoy book club, bridge, swimming, walking, and travel. What is best are many family activities.

