

May 2024 Newsletter

Twenty years of volunteers



WE BELIEVE IN THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

Our mission is simple. We want to improve the health and wellness of the medically uninsured or critically underserved through the engagement of professionals, community partners, and dedicated volunteers. Join us.



Letter from the Executive Director

Twenty Years + 20 Things I like about VIM

In celebration of reaching our 20th year in our clinic facility, I've compiled a list of 20 things I like about VIM. There are, of course, infinite things to like so narrowing down this list was a task! Here are some selections:

- 20. Beautiful facility and an award winning organization
- 19. Great staff
- **18.** A stellar pro-bono referral network and robust community partnerships
- 17. Donors who believe in us
- 16. New carpet
- 15. A community that cares
- **14.** Volunteers who bring valuable skills and experience and are ready and willing to learn new things
- **13.** Support from Pharmaceutical companies that allows us to dispense medications for free
- 12. People who are curious to learn more
- 11. Students who join us on their journeys to careers in healthcare
- 10. Tuesday night dinners
 - 9. Events that bring us together
- 8. Friendships old and new
- 7. My office window that has the perfect spot just outside for deer to rest on a hot day
- **6.** Programs that are responsive to needs and patients who entrust us with their care
- 5. Having the best job ever
- **4.** Being a small part of a bigger movement across the state and country
- Being innovative in healthcare without the constraints of billing
- 2. EPIC
- 1. Being a part of something that makes a difference for so many people

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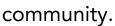
Executive Director

Volunteers in Medicine Clinic of the Cascades



TWENTY YEARS OF VOLUNTEERS

In April we celebrated the dedicated volunteers who make an invaluable impact toward our mission and in our





Addie Finseth and Debra



Ruthie Higgins, RN, Nancy Cashwell, RN, and Micaela Hayden, RN show off their tumblers for 500 Hours of Service



Bobbie Dagostino and Dorlee Kingen received recongnition for 20 Years of Volunteer Service to VIM



Cornett with their flowers for 2000 Hours of Service



Board Members Austin Buskohl and Sarah Hall, Chair, pose with their pins for 100 Hours of Service



Jennifer Fuller, RN, BSN, VIM Nurse Manager congratulates Larry Kierulff on 15 Years of Service



Board Members Edward Ewe, Sarah Hall, Chair, Janey Purvis, MD, and Austin **Buskohl pose with Executive Director** Kat Mastrangelo for the photo booth



Karen Brozovich, RN, Dana Topliff, RN, Jordan Hunt, and Diane Monson proudly display their 5 Years of Service pins

Introducing our Community of Care monthly giving campaign

At VIM, we believe in the power of collective action to create positive change. That's why we're reaching out to you today with an **invitation to join our**Community of Care.

By becoming a member of this monthly giving campaign, you'll join a dedicated community of supporters who are committed to making a lasting difference in the lives of underserved, uninsured, and marginalized people across Central Oregon. Your regular monthly contributions provide VIM with the stable funding we need to continue our vital work and expand our impact in the months and years to come.

Joining our Community of Care is easy. Simply follow the QR code below or reach out to Courtney for assistance at cgallant@vim-cascades.org.

Maria's Story

For weeks Maria struggled with painful headaches. "I couldn't read, think, write, anything," she said, "I went to work but I was like a robot because I couldn't even move my neck." At her next healthcare appointment she explained, "I need to feel better in order to keep

working, I am the one who pays all the bills in my household."

Dr. Andrews, volunteer physiatrist, met with Maria and reached a diagnosis and treatment. Since, Maria has felt no pain and credits the "angels" at VIM!







"I really enjoy being here. The patients, staff, and other volunteers are all wonderful and make being here really great." - Brandi Minium, CPhT
(Pharmacy Volunteer)





"We're all here because we WANT to be, not because we HAVE to be.

The patients are wonderful and so grateful. They get the care they need,

and not in a rushed manner."

- Brenda Tiernan, RN (Nurse Volunteer)

"VIM is such a welcoming place! I really enjoy working with the staff and patients. It is rewarding to know that patients are receiving excellent care and that I am a small piece of the puzzle."

- Claire Gibson (Front Desk Volunteer)



Have you considered volunteering with VIM? We would love to have you on our team!



Follow the QR code link to get involved!



VIM Clinic + Pharmacy Hours:

Monday: 1-5 p.m. Tuesday: 4-8 p.m. Wednesday: Closed Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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