





A Healthy Community is a Well Community.



Dear Friends,

I invite you to review the 2017 Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine Annual Report, which documents very clearly the truly outstanding efforts of our volunteer doctors, nurses and staff to deliver first class healthcare services to our patients throughout Bluffton and Jasper County.



In 2017, we experienced unprecedented growth. Compared to 2016, patient visits increased 30% to 4,596... diagnostic tests, labs and imaging soared by 155% to 2,324... and filled prescriptions jumped 142% to 2,768. But I think the most impressive number is \$2,394,885. That's the "value" of services provided in 2017, an impressive 116% increase over 2016. All these noteworthy accomplishments are possible as a result of your support through donations, by attending our fundraising events and numerous charitable grants, and for that I want to express my deepest appreciation.

As we enter 2018, we see only an acceleration in the growth of Bluffton and Jasper County, and along with that an even greater demand for – and expansion of – the healthcare services we offer at our two very active clinics. So, my message to you is twofold. First, thanks so much for all you have done to help us achieve the success outlined in our Annual Report. And second, I ask for your continued support as we move forward and seek to fulfill our vision, "No one in our community will go without access to quality healthcare".

Thanks once more for your support,

Sincerely,

George David

2017 Board Chairman

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Dear Bluffton and Jasper County Neighbors,

Thank you for making 2017 another successful year of service for the Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine. As the Executive Director, I know the medical services our patients receive are made possible by a staff of compassionate medical and nonmedical volunteers numbering



over 100 who give tirelessly to ensure that all who come to our two clinics are treated with care and respect.

Community support is vital in enabling us to provide for those who cannot afford healthcare. These services not only include medical care, but also dental referrals, ophthalmology exams, pharmaceutical assistance, and mental health. But, while we say we are a free medical clinic, BJVIM is so very much more. We are a safe haven for many of our patients, a place for them to stay warm in cold weather and get some relief from the heat in our hot summer months. We sometimes provide a gas card or even a hot meal. We are a place for patients to share their troubles and celebrate their successes.

The Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine continues to grow thanks to members of the Greater Bluffton and Jasper County communities who not only donate to the clinic but support our annual fundraising events; the Spring Fling Fashion Show, Christmas in July raffle and dinner, Chippin' In for BJVIM golf event at Hampton Hall and Bourbon & Bubbly, the November gala. A patient recently referred to our volunteers as angels, but the true angels are those who give to our clinic, making our medical care possible.

As we begin our 7th year of operation, we look forward to continuing to meet the needs of our uninsured. I invite you to visit our clinics to see firsthand the impact your support makes in the lives of those less fortunate and I encourage you to continue your financial support of BJVIM. Together we are making a difference in our community.

Sincerely,

Pam Toney Executive Director In 2017, the Greater Bluffton

Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine

provided these services.





2,768
Filled Prescriptions

2,324

Diagnostic Tests
Including Labs
and X-Rays



\$2,394,885.00

Total Value of Services Provided



FYI

Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine (BJVIM) opened its doors to patients in 2011 and expanded its services to include an additional clinic complete with an ophthalmology room in June of 2016. BJVIM is one of 91 Volunteers in Medicine Clinics currently operating in 29 states. South Carolina alone has 10 clinics including the original Volunteers in Medicine on Hilton Head founded by Dr. Jack McConnell in 1994. In 2017, BJVIM was re-accredited by the SC Association of Free Clinics. All Volunteers in Medicine Clinics operate as separate organizations with their own charters, budgets and funding. BJVIM receives no reimbursement for services from local, state or federal agencies. We are funded only through donations, fundraising events and grants.

Every \$1 donated helps us provide vital patient services.

BJVIM continues as a Gold Level Guidestar participant demonstrating our commitment to transparency.



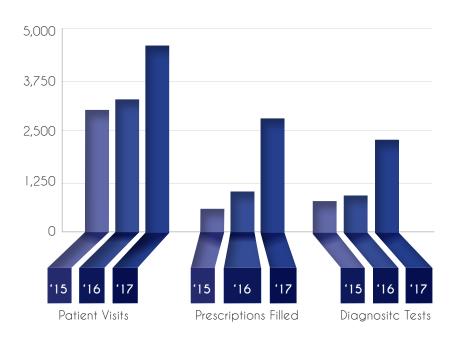




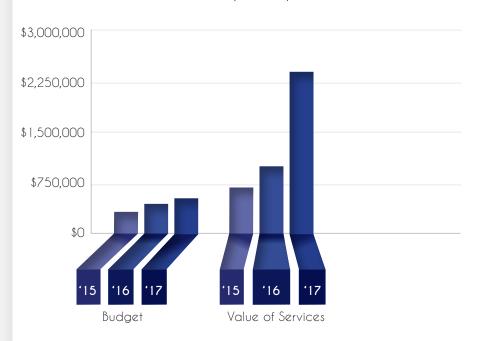


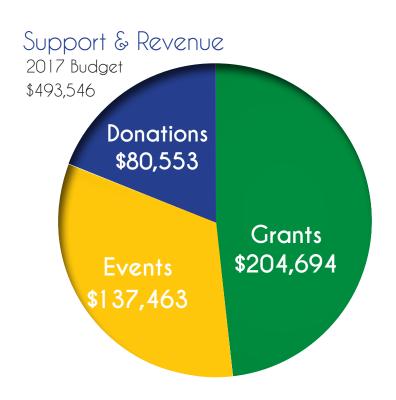


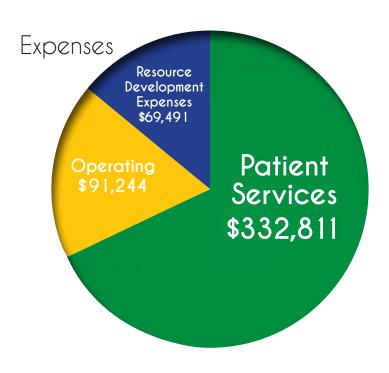
Patient Services 2015 | 2016 | 2017



Budget vs. Value of Service 2015 | 2016 | 2017









Ways to Make a Donation

You can donate online anytime at **bjvim.org**and select the donation button.

You can volunteer! BJVIM is always looking for medical and nonmedical volunteers. Visit our webpage to find our volunteer application.

The Heritage Classic Foundation (HCF) will enhance your donation with a match to the Bluffton Jasper Volunteers in Medicine. Visit their website at HeritageClassicFoundation.com to learn how you can make your individual donation grow!

2018 Fundraising Events

March 20 Spring Fling Fashion Show

July 26 Christmas in July

October 1 Chippin' In for BJVIM

November 3 Bourbon & Bubbly

Our Mission

To provide free medical care in a compassionate and professional manner to the uninsured of Greater Bluffton and Jasper County with an emphasis on preventative medicine and health education.

Our Vision

No one in our community will go without access to quality health care

Strategic Goals

- Improve the physical facilities in the Bluffton clinic
- Expand the range of services offered at the Bluffton and Ridgeland clinics
- Enlarge and diversify our Board to encompass a broader range of talents, skills and geographic representation.
- Bolster our presence in the business community.







Bluffton Clinic Location

1 Burnt Church Road Bluffton, SC 29910 (843) 706-7090

Ridgeland Clinic Location

11332 N. Jacob Smart Blvd. Ridgeland, SC 29926 (843) 645-9090

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