

VIM VOICE

July 2018



<u>Patients Seen in June</u>	
Bluffton	311
Ridgeland	52



Notes from Pam



We're moving!



It is official, I am happy to announce the Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine has a new home! With the help of many, I am pleased to report that we have found a building in the Plantation Business Park area. While there are still some details to work out, the Board of Directors, with the help of the Community Foundation of the Low country, is in the process of purchasing our new home. This one story building has additional exam rooms and offices, a larger nurse's station, and pharmacy area. I will have more details in the coming weeks, and hope to have a moving date scheduled by the end of August.

Christmas in July

There are still tickets available for the annual Christmas in July Dinner to be held on July 26th at Palm Key in Ridgeland. Dinner will be catered by *Hawg Wild BBQ* and will feature shrimp and rice, in addition to chicken and salads. Elvis is rumored to appear! Tickets are \$50 apiece. Santa will be pulling the winning ticket for the fabulous three-night weekend get-away to the Biltmore Inn and Estate in Ashville, valued at \$ 2,400.00, so purchase your \$10.00 raffle ticket while they are available! Hope to see you on the 26th!

We continue to update our Facebook account. Please like us and pass the BJVIM information along to your friends. Search for Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine in Facebook.



Did you know??

We received \$800.00 from the Heritage Classic Foundation from their *Birdies for Charity* event.

We received \$285.00 from the Blues & Brews event held at the Oyster Factory. Thanks to our volunteers who attended!

Dot Jeger has joined our Board. Dot is very active in the Bluffton Community and brings a wealth of marketing experience with her. Welcome Dot!

St. Francis Thrift Shop awarded us a \$2,000.00 grant to purchase eyeglasses for our patients.

Beginning in August, Dr. Stokoe will be at the Ridgeland clinic **all day** on Mondays and Dr. Evens will take her place at the Bluffton clinic on Thursday mornings. This shift is in addition to his Wednesday morning shift. Thank you Dr. Stokoe and Dr. Evens for your additional hours of care!

Tickets for the Christmas in July fundraisers are available at the front desk or in Pam's office.

Correction: it was Gail Temple who was pictured in last month's newsletter. She helped with the Bluffton Health Fair. Sorry to both Gail volunteers!

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August 2018



Patients Seen in July

Bluffton	289
Ridgeland	40



Notes from Pam

July certainly was an exciting month for BJVIM! With the generous support of the Community Foundation of the Low Country, it was possible for us to purchase our new building with a \$120,000.00 grant and help from Palmetto State Bank, who holds the mortgage on the building. George David (BJVIM Board Chair), Deborah Burt (BJVIM Board Treasurer) and Pam signed the closing documents to purchase our new home at 29 Plantation Business Park, Building 6. This purchase would not have been possible without the hard work of all our volunteers. Through your dedication and hard work, both these community organizations have watched how we have grown in size, expanded services offered and provided medical care for those in need. This building is a testament to how hard everyone involved in BJVIM carries out our mission. You should take great pride in knowing that you truly make a difference in the lives of our patients and our community recognizes your work!

Thank you, Pam



Moving! Thanks to a special fundraising effort, \$54,000 has been raised so far for renovations. On Saturday, July 26th the carpets were pulled up in the new clinic. Thanks to the supervision of Mark Kendrick,

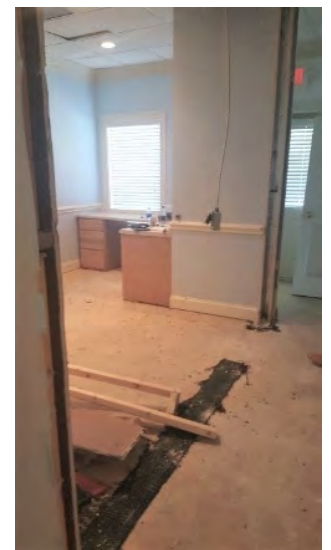
our remodeling contractor and husband of Board member Anna Kendrick, BJVIM volunteers, board of directors and members of the Hilton Head Area Homebuilders Association pulled up carpeting in the patient waiting room, halls, pharmacy and kitchen. Construction is now taking place to remove two walls, build two offices, remove doors in the halls and build shelving in the pharmacy. We are now beginning to pack. If you have any extra time, please stop by and pack a box! Moving dates are set for Friday, August 24 and Thursday, August 30.



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New Home Renovations!

Some pictures from the renovations underway at our new home at 29 Plantation Business Park, Building 6.



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Did you know??

Thanks to the hard work of our grants committee, Susan Bryant, Mary Ellen Hill, Tom Blake, David Pike, Nancy Harris, Alan Metevia (from his new home in New England) we are continuing to raise funds for patient programs. We recently received a grant from St. Francis Thrift shop for a small “tablet”, stand and program to track patient satisfaction and hospital visits. This information currently is being calculated by a paper survey that Hannah then has to collate. Many free clinics use this program and we are excited to be able to offer this service to our patients.

Also, we have received a grant to expand and create the donor development program. As we move into our new building and expand our services we need to look at additional ways to generate donations. We will receive part of the grant money this year and the balance in 2019.

This is the first time we have been awarded a two-year grant, once again Thanks to the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry.

Christmas in July was a huge success! Initially we raised \$15,000.00. An unexpected gift came our way as Brenda Thomas, the recipient of the Biltmore get-a-way, donated the money back to BJVIM! This brings the total funds raised to \$17,400! Special thanks to Mary Jane and Kelley Richardson, Nancy Harris, Nancy Gault, Hannah Sanderson, Martin Sauls, Dennis Toney, Debbie Bouhillon, Elvis and Santa (George David) for all their hard work. Look out for Christmas in July 2019!

The Community Foundation of the Low Country gave us a \$120,000.00 grant to be used as the down payment for the new building.

Susan Keil and Linda David are once again planning our annual golf tournament Chippin’ In for BJVIM to be held at Hampton Hall on Monday, October 1st.

Dr. Kondor is working with MUSC to bring a special telehealth eye program to our patients.

Palmetto Electric gave us a \$25,000 grant to help with remodeling costs at the new clinic.

The Jasper Town Council awarded us \$10,000.00 to be used for services at our Ridgeland clinic.

Save the date! Our annual volunteer meeting will be held on Friday, September 21 in the Community Room of Palmetto Electric in Hardeeville.

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September 2018



Patients Seen in August

Bluffton	367
Ridgeland	55



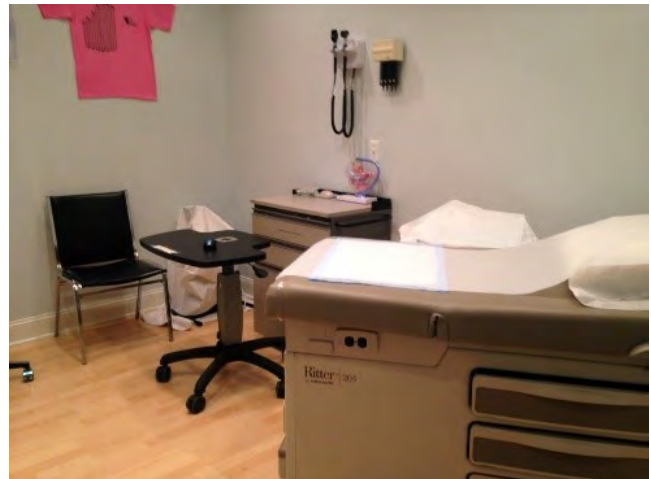
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Thanks to everyone who helped pack up the Burnt Church Rd. clinic and then unpack and assemble each room in the new clinic. People said it could not be done in four days but WE DID IT!! Opening day, September 10th was a huge success, only to have hurricane Florence close us down on Tuesday.

Volunteer Meeting & Recognition Luncheon

The BJVIM Annual Volunteer Meeting and Recognition Luncheon will be held on Friday, September 21 in the Community Room of Palmetto electric, Hardeeville next to the Lexus Dealership on 278. A light breakfast will be served between 8:30 -9. Presentations this year will include clinic updates, BCN recognition, and volunteer awards. In order to prepare for food and hand-outs, please either sign up in the kitchen or RSVP to Pam: ptoneybjvim@gmail.com



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New Artwork for New Clinic

Deane Valentine Bowers once again has given a huge gift to BJVIM in the form of her very special art work! As many of you remember, Deane gave us some amazing art pieces for the Ridgeland clinic and she now has given us 25 pieces for the new clinic! Thanks to Deane for her generosity!!



Bringing Fresh Food to the LowCountry

BJVIM collaborated with Bluffton Self Help to bring over 5,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables to those in need. Thanks to Wendy Barrett who worked with the Low Country Food Bank to bring the Fresh Xpress to our area. Funding for this event was made possible with a grant from women in Philanthropy.