

VIM VOICE

March 2019



Patients Seen in Feb.

Bluffton 272

Ridgeland 54



Notes from Pam

SC Free Clinic Conference

The beginning of February took Pam to Charleston for the annual SC Free Clinic Association Conference. Most of the state’s free clinics were represented for the 3-day program of health updates and clinic information. This year BJVIM will be up for re-accreditation. The site visit will take place on Friday, April 26th. During the conference, information was presented on establishing an emergency preparedness plan which will be reviewed during the site visit.

HIPAA compliance was another topic discussed in depth during the conference. BJVIM was singled out as being one of two clinics requiring staff to participate in a training program leading to becoming HIPAA compliant. All clinics will now be expected to enhance their HIPAA programs.



Care When It Counts

Carolina Cups

Since its establishment, Carolina Cups has raised over \$300,000 to help fund breast cancer screening, treatment and research. Their signature fundraiser Pledge the Pink, a 3-day breast cancer walk in South Carolina, has helped Carolina Cups grow every year, and together they raised funds for amazing beneficiaries all over the US!



We have recently received a \$10,000.00 grant from Carolina Cups. This grant will be used to expand our women’s health programs in both the Bluffton and Ridgeland clinics.

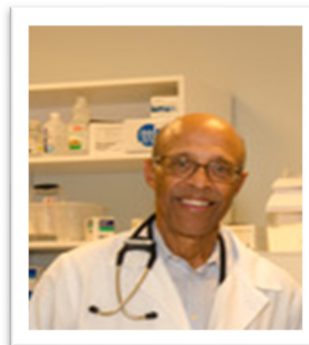
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Dr. Smith – Medical Director



When Dr. Smith became the Medical Director for BJVIM, he said he would work with us for five years.

Unfortunately, he now is in his fifth year of dedicated service and will be "retiring" at the end of 2019. We are currently in the process of finding a new medical director for BJVIM.

If you know of a physician who might be interested in this position; which requires a SC license, please let us know. The hope is to have the new director in place by the end of summer to allow time to shadow Dr. Smith until the end of the year.

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Christmas in July Fundraiser

For the third year in a row we will be holding our Christmas in July fundraiser. This year's event will be held on Thursday, July 25th at Palm Key in Ridgeland. Please mark your calendars for this fun event. We will also be once again selling raffle tickets for a holiday weekend at Biltmore Estates in Asheville, NC.



Sun City Volunteer Fair

On Saturday, March 23 we will be participating in the first annual Volunteer Fair of Sun City to be held in Pinckney Hall in Town Square. This event, hosted by the Leadership Development Committee will introduce Sun City residents to all the wonderful volunteer opportunities that exist in and around the community and specifically showcasing BJVIM. Our volunteer theme will be: Are you "MINT" to be a BJVIM volunteer?? If you are a Sun City resident, please join us to hand out "mints" and tell those residents who stop by our booth the reason you volunteer at the clinics!



To:

Nancy Harris and Mary Ellen Hill from the Resource Development Department who have been working on updating the invoice/grant files!

Donna Rhodes, also from Resource Development who has been working with the new donor management program and

Teresa Rowe who has organized the retina eye exam program

Shelly Martin who is coordinating volunteer recruitment

All of our volunteers who continue to organize, manage and implement our patient care!