

# VIM VOICE



April 2022

## Congratulations

**to all Staff, Volunteers and Board of Directors for winning not one but two awards from the Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce!**

On April 8<sup>th</sup> I had the great pleasure of representing BJVIM at the annual Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Golden Oyster Awards dinner accompanied by Lee, Dennis and board members — Dan Wood, Bill Campbell, and Luke Healy. Sometime in February, I nominated the clinic for the non-profit Golden Oyster Award. When filling out the application, I stressed that the continued success of the clinic was a direct result of the hard work of our staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors. The hard work was especially noted during the last two years as we all navigated the COVID pandemic. I explained that everyone affiliated with the clinic goes well beyond their job description to provide services to our patients. As we celebrated our 10 year anniversary, your care has allowed us to expand from a small, rented trailer to not only owning our own building, but opening an office in Ridgeland and a dental clinic in Bluffton.



There were several non-profits who were competing for this award and two non-profits were selected as the finalist: BJVIM and Hospice Care of the Lowcountry. On the evening of the awards ceremony, we received the community recognition that all of you so rightly deserve by receiving the 2021 Golden Oyster award for service to our community. The program ended by awarding the Pearl Award to the Chamber member who made the most difference in the community. The Pearl Award is the highest award given by the Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce. The winner was selected from all of the night's recipients and ... BJVIM received this award!

I cannot express the excitement I felt upon accepting these two awards on behalf of all who work and volunteer at the clinics! All of you do an amazing job. And I am so very, very honored to work alongside each of you! Once again CONGRATULATIONS to you all!

- Pam



## April 17-23 is National Volunteers Week.

Here at BJVIM, we will be acknowledging all of our wonderful volunteers each day that week! On Thursday, April 21, we will have a special celebration with a drop-in lunch at 1pm. Please sign up in the kitchen if you will be able to attend.

## Bourbon & Bubbly

a Lowcountry dinner party benefitting  
Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine

**Bourbon & Bubbly is just around the corner!** Our annual GALA has been moved to Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and once again will be held at beautiful Hewitt Oaks in Bluffton. Tickets are \$150 each or a table of 8 for \$1,000. You can also be a "Friend" of the clinic for \$500 which includes two tickets and a \$200 donation. If you cannot attend, perhaps you would consider volunteering that night to help at the check-in table or at the silent auction? The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board over the sign-in table at the clinic.



Did you know that we received 32 grants for 2022? These grants came in the form of money for specific programs, medical and dental supplies, and operating costs.

We have some exciting auction items for our Bourbon & Bubbly Gala including trips, jewelry, art, and sports memorabilia. Look for these items posted on the BJVIM Facebook page!

Our dental clinic is seeing more and more patients. If you know of a dentist that might want to volunteer, please send them our way! A dentist may volunteer once a week, once a month or a few times a year. The dentists currently working at the clinic tell us that they are very happy with all of the equipment and are so impressed with the staff!

We are working on a date for our annual Volunteer Meeting to be held in September. Be on the lookout for the date. We will be closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

While some of the COVID restrictions have eased up a bit, we are still requiring all of those who work in the clinic to wear their face masks.

**Remember to please sign up for the drop in lunch on Thursday, April 21.**