

VIM VOICE



May / June 2022

NOTES FROM PAM



Hard to believe that we are entering the second half of 2022!! Where does the time go? This year we have continue to add new volunteers in our program.

A BIG Welcome to:

Terry Johnston, Admin
Lea Higgins, Admin
Maria Merlo, Admin
Megan Shaw, Admin
Claudia Follo, BCN
Ranae Young, BCN
JoAnn Lillis, RN
Diane Purser, RN
Charlotte White, RN
Nancy Martin, Dental
Cheryl Miller, Dental
Lorrie Velez, Dental
Analia Perez, Dental
George Myers, D.D.S. Dental

In addition, Nancy McHale has returned providing mental health and counseling support to our patients.

We are so very happy to have all of these people become part of our volunteer community!!

- Pam



On June 7th BJVIM participated in a Volunteer Recruitment event. Thanks to Lynn Stanley - who manned the booth and to David Faas and Dr. Hufford — who stopped by. We recruited 5 new volunteers!! Great job everyone!!



In April, we celebrated National Volunteer Appreciation Week.

Patients were asked to share their thoughts about our BJVIM Volunteers. What overwhelming praise and thanksgiving they wrote on the stars that we posted on the wall! Comments included "You saved my life!" and "You always take care of me" and "You help me so much!"



BJVIM receives not one but TWO awards for our service to the community!

On April 8th at the annual Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Golden Oyster Awards dinner, BJVIM was presented with the award for the 2021 Non-Profit of the Year as well as the prestigious Pearl Award for the Chamber member who made the most difference in our community. Attending the event and pictured here: with Dennis, Pam & Lee are Board Members — Bill Anderson, Dan Wood & Luke Healy.

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 our staff, volunteers and Board Members do an amazing job. And I am so very, very honored to work alongside each of you!

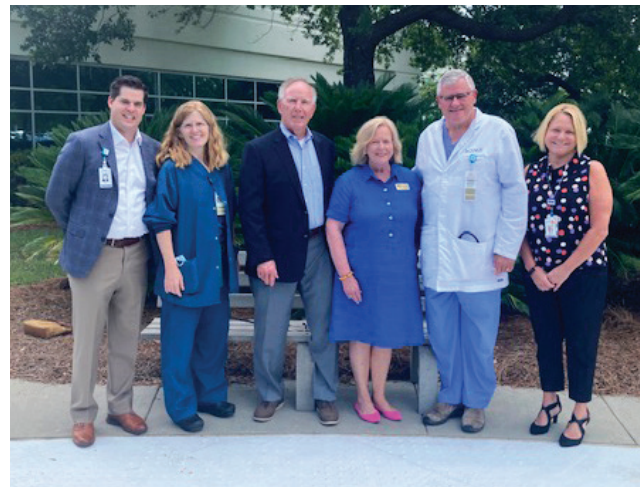
Congratulations to everyone at BJVIM!

What a great way to conclude Volunteer Appreciation Week!



A Gift From CAPA (Child Abuse Prevention Associates)

Special Thanks to CAPA for their donation of hand sanitizer, masks and gowns! Always great when we can collaborate with other non-profits to care for those in need in our community.



Coastal Carolina Hospital along with their medical staff donated \$15,000 to BJVIM on June 9th. Special thanks to Board Member, Christina Brzezinski, for all of her efforts in helping to secure this donation.

Pictured with Pam, Dennis and Christina are Ryan Lee, new CEO of Coastal Carolina Hospital, and staff members — Dr. Lynn Norton and Dr. Paul Zorch. **Thank you Coastal Carolina Hospital!!**

Bourbon & Bubbly Updates!

Bourbon & Bubbly

a Lowcountry dinner party benefitting
Bluffton Jasper County Volunteers in Medicine

This year's Bourbon & Bubbly was a HUGE success. Thanks to so many people who made this year's event so successful. Special thanks to our Resource Development Committee chaired by Board Member Dan Wood. Members of this committee included: Lawrence Taylor, Jim Evans, Luke Healy, Sandee Brooks, Danny Henderson and Resource Development Director, Dennis Toney. Thanks also to Bill Anderson along with his wife and our nurse, Vickie, who managed the silent auction. Thanks to Linda Wolff and Terry Rowe who arranged the silent auction tables AND to Debbie Myhre, Mary Jane Richardson, Janet Jehlen, Lynn Stanley, Theresa Johnson, Kate Mace and Elizabeth Matte who tirelessly helped with all aspects of the silent auction. Finally, thanks to our staff Ruth, Lee, Michelle, Raquel, Anna and Dennis who worked with tickets, the silent auction and auction check out! Also, thank you to those volunteers who brought their friends and attended the event.

Special thanks to Carole Goriello who designed and made a beautiful stained-glass picture to be auctioned off!

This year we had the most sponsors, most in attendance (264) and raised the most money EVER with a net profit of \$91,000!! Proceeds will go to our dental clinic and for additional patient referral services!





It is always sad to say good bye.

We are so thankful for all the help Shelley Martin has given us over the years. Shelley first worked at the front desk, then moved to work with the Best Chance Network Program in addition to working with Volunteer Recruitment! Debbie Hicks and Rachel Wise are pictured here with Shelley when the team received the Excellence Award from BCN. Our BNC program continues to be ranked as one of the top ten in the region thanks to Shelley's help. We wish Shelley well as the family relocates to Greenville!



Look for TV coverage on WHHI TV!!

We now have two dentists working at the clinic with a new dentist to begin sometime in August.

We continue to host a Saturday dental clinic with Sea Island Rotary and some BJVM volunteers!

Ruth continues to update our pharmacy rules and regulations.

Thanks to Lee, our faxes are working more efficiently!

Raquel and Anna, along with their many other tasks, have made a huge improvement in our translating needs!

Thanks to Sarah in our Ridgeland office for putting in additional hours when needed!

Terry continues to acquire Memorandums of Understanding with area providers to help our patients with specialty needs.



Annual Volunteer Meeting tentatively schedule for Friday, September 30! Mark your calendars! More info to follow in the next newsletter.

