

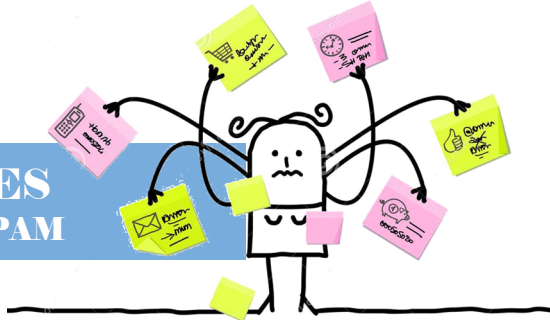
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Greater Bluffton
Jasper County
VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE

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NOTES FROM PAM



Gosh, it's been a long time

since we have published a newsletter!! A lot has happened in the months since our last shout out. One thing for sure, our staff and volunteers continue to be hard workers and our patients continue to be so very appreciative of their care. We ended the year with a very special milestone. Thanks to all our donors we raised \$1,016,000.00 in 2022. Can you believe it, over one million dollars in grants, fundraisers and individual donations! As we got closer to December 31st it became apparent that the magical one-million-dollar mark would be reached. There will be more leaves added to our Giving Tree with many donors receiving the \$100,000.00 gold leaf. I am so very proud of this accomplishment with credit going to our stella reputation made possible by the wonderful work of our BJVIM Team! Congratulations to us all!

- Pam



In our last newsletter we were recruiting volunteers to help with a table at the First Responder's Community Halloween Party. What a fun time we had that night. Thanks to the creative work of Lynn Stanley and her helpers: Janet Jehlen, Carol Giorello and Gail Thompson, we gave out over 500 pieces of candy, fun face masks and those who visited our table got to play the game OPERATION. I especially enjoyed seeing the children put down their phones to play a "live" interactive game with our volunteers! Be on the lookout next year for the sign-up sheet to participate in the Halloween Fun!

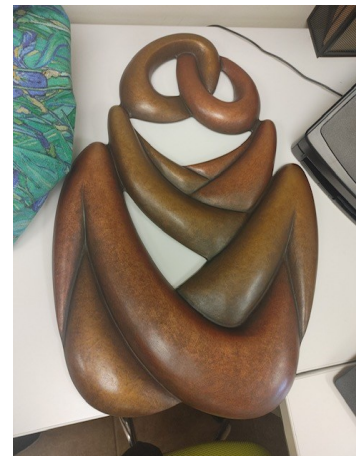


The end of year funds included funds from the Mahjong Club thanks to the efforts of volunteer, Donna Rhodes, the Stitching Club of Sun City, Margaritaville Foundation thanks to supporter Pat Conti and our Dental hygienist, Nancy Martin, and a very special “house” donated by the Bluffton Rotary to store water for our patients!



Board Member Danny Henderson did a wonderful job organizing and executing our fundraiser Dinner on the Wild-Side. This event raised \$57,000.00 which will be used to help expand the Ridgeland Clinic! Dinner was delicious and the music by Shannon Tanner had us all on our feet. The live and silent auctions brought together some incredible items including a sculpture donated by one of our patients.

It is great to see the enthusiasm generated by the community for the advancement of our mission to care for those in need!





On December 2nd we held our long-awaited **Annual Volunteer Meeting!** This was the first in-person volunteer meeting in three years. 61 people including staff, volunteers, board members and other non-profit leaders participated in the day's activities. Attendees were assigned to a table which permitted the opportunity to meet new people. Board members got to visit with volunteers, people working morning shifts got to meet their afternoon counterparts and people made new friends.

13 departments made presentations and we even got a Spanish lesson from Raquel and Analia.

WHHI- TV was on hand to capture the day's activities.

Downtown Deli provided a wonderful lunch. From the follow up evaluations it seems like everyone had a great time and would like to have the 2023 meeting at the same venue and around the holiday season.

On that note, we can announce the 2024 Annual Volunteer Meeting will be held on Thursday December 7, 2023. Save-the-date!



Congratulations to our 2022 Volunteers of the Year

Nursing volunteers of the year:
Janet Jehlen & Becky Kuper

Administration volunteers of the year:
Mickie Davis & Debbie Myhre

Special Recognition to Warren Stehn for his hard work and 5 years of service.

And to Shelley Martin who has moved to North Carolina, but still helps with volunteer recruiting and the BCN program.

Special thanks to Lee McSavaney who put together a wonderful slide presentation capturing all our volunteers, Bill Campbell and Donna Rhodes, who helped organize the event.



Mickey Davis, February 5

Dennis Toney, February 6

Dr. Lorenzo Cabrera, February 7

Dr. Kathleen Casey, February 13

Paulette Doull, February 20

Linda Wolff, February 25

Dr. James O'Malley, February 27

Nancy Martin, February 28



This year BJVIM will join four other community nonprofits as the beneficiaries of funds raised at the Art of the Community Gala and Auction at Palmetto Bluff. More information, including tickets for both the dinner and the golf tournament are located on the bulletin board.



We recently dedicated an exam room at the Bluffton Clinic in honor of our founder, Jennifer Brown. Originally a volunteer with Hilton Head Island VIM, she saw the need to have a clinic in Bluffton. Jennifer began the process and was with the organization when it opened in 2011. She was a part of the clinic until 2013 when she left to live in Australia. She remained interested in the clinic until her death on July 6, 2022.



Welcome to our new volunteers: Debbi Butner, Scott Harper and Stephanie Santos who are already proving themselves indispensable. We are happy to have you on board!



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