

VIM VOICE



May-June 2023

NOTES FROM PAM



“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched — they must be felt with the heart.”

-Helen Keller

Your kind hearts are what make BJVIM so very successful.

Your hard work and dedication to those in need has helped to develop BJVIM as one of the most mission driven, mission focused nonprofits in the Lowcountry!

Our/your reputation helped to make this year's Bourbon & Bubbly such a huge success! We raised over **\$120,000.00** after expenses! This is the 6th year for Bourbon & Bubbly, and we have come a long way since that first event in a park in Bluffton.

Please be safe as you travel this summer and.....remember to sign up when you return, we need you!!

- Pam



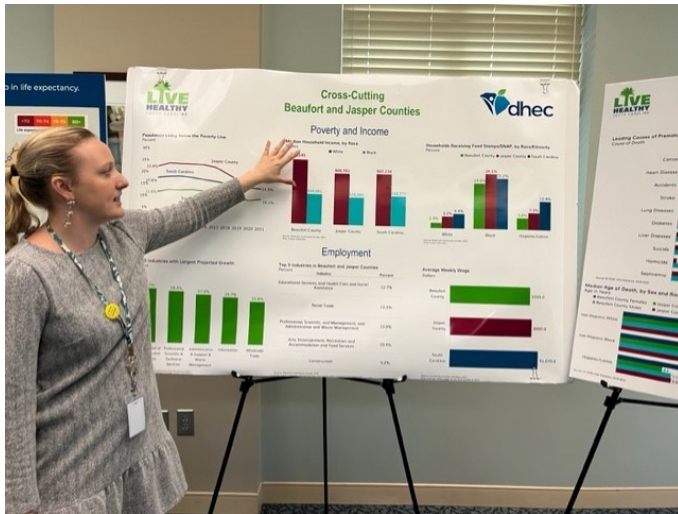
Bourbon & Bubbly Update This year certainly was the biggest Bourbon & Bubbly for so many reasons! 300 tickets were sold, 29 businesses donating between \$1,000 to \$25,000.00 in sponsorships, we had 6 live auction items including a trip to Ireland that was sold 4 times and over \$23,000.00 raised in FUND-a Need for the expansion of the Ridgeland Clinic! The success of the event could not have been possible without the hard work of board member Jim Evans and his committee. The night of the event saw many BJVM members helping. Linda and Terry once again did an amazing job of displaying all the silent auction items. Thanks to Lee, Raquel, Ruth, Carol, Debbie and Maria, who helped with check-in. Bill Anderson once again organized the silent auction with his able team of wife Vickie, Michelle, Diane and her husband, Analia, Lynn and Debbie. We had an amazing auctioneer from Charleston who could not have done such a wonderful job had he not had the help of (Board Ex Officio member) Barbara, current board member Zina, Gail, and volunteer team Mary Jane and Kelley. Dennis again coordinated the check out along with Michelle. What a night! And then of course many of you attend! Thank you all so very very much! A special thanks goes out to Laurie Hufford who donated one of her beautiful handmade quilts and Carol who donated a beautiful stained-glass piece. An amazing night and thanks to all of you for your help and support!



This summer, Michelle Wallace

will be leaving us and going on to a great adventure in the Philadelphia area. We will miss Michelle very much but are excited for this new chapter in her life. Michelle first came to us as a volunteer. Shortly after her arrival, we received a donation from an anonymous donor that allowed us to hire a nurse for our Ridgeland office. Ruth had been traveling between both clinics and hiring a nurse for Ridgeland seemed like a wise idea. Little did we realize at the time what an amazing job Michelle would do for us! With Michelle's help we have been able to expand hours in Ridgeland to include patient intake and patient outreach. Dr. Casey sees patients every Monday. Drs Irving, (GYN) and Kondor (ophthalmology) see patients once a month, Dr. Epps (cardiology) and Dr. Evans (telemedicine) have clinics twice each month. Having a regular nurse at the clinic has been such an asset to our program and we thank Michelle for all her hard work.

Please join us on Friday July 14th as we celebrate Michelle's accomplishments and wish her well as she and her family move. There will be a sign - up sheet on the bulletin board. The location of the luncheon will be announced closer to the date but will be in the Bluffton area.



SCDHEC Lowcountry Data Walk

At the end of April the health department sent out their updated health report. Some interesting outcomes were reported and certainly reflect our population.

Without insurance

South Carolina 15%
Beaufort County 16%
Jasper County 23%

Without Dental care

South Carolina 40%
Beaufort County 30%
Jasper County 43%

Obesity

South Carolina 35%
Beaufort County 25%
Jasper County 32%

Life Expectancy

South Carolina 75
Beaufort County 89.4
Jasper County 79.6
(Pineland 71.9)

Primary Care Doctors per 10,000

South Carolina 10
Beaufort County 8
Jasper County 3

Mental Health Providers per 10,000

South Carolina 2
Beaufort County 1
Jasper County 0



Bill and Sheryl Magro continue to support our dental clinic! At the end of April, they hosted an open house and ribbon cutting for the dental clinic. Over 30 of their friends, BJVM staff and board members attended the event. Once again, our dental clinic was the recipient of their \$50,000 donation with additional funds raised a Bourbon & Bubbly. We are now able to offer full and partial dentures to our patients.



Care When It Counts

The site visit for our **SC Free Clinic Association recertification** went well. Denitra Bovian spent all morning reviewing our policies and procedures including our HIPAA and OSHA requirements. She found the clinic neat and clean with files and permits up-to-date. Thanks to Ruth, Lee, Michelle and Donna for all their work in making this a successful visit. Denitra is now reviewing all the files Donna uploaded into a computer program and we are waiting on our certificate. Also, during her visit, Denitra met with Patricia Evans and Bianca Reyes to go over requirements for the 2023/2024 Community Health Worker's position. Mrs. Evans, Bianca and I will be attending the CHW orientation in Camden on June 16th.



Exciting News! In keeping with our request for all medical staff to wear scrubs, I am excited to tell you that with funding from a grant we can provide scrubs (tops and pants). I have been working with the Uniform Outlet in the Tanger Center. Please visit the store by the end of June, make your selection of either royal blue or teal scrubs by Cherokee and tell the cashier to put your purchase on the BJVM account. Jackets are also available if you prefer that to a top. Please bring the tops to the clinic so I can have them embroidered with our BJVM logo!!

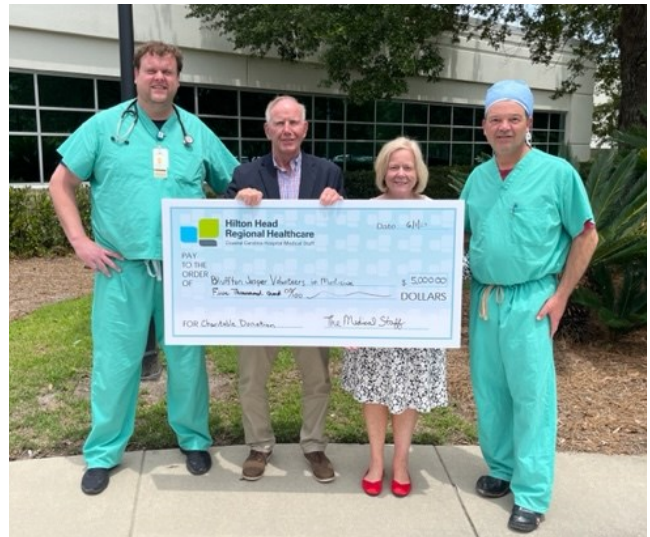


Special Thanks to Kathy Cooper

who conducted our CPR class in May.
Gail, Mary Jane, Elizabeth and Lynn received CPR training!



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The Coastal Carolina Medical Staff recently donated \$5,000.00 to the clinic. In addition, Hilton Head Regional Health Care was a \$10,000 sponsor of Bourbon & Bubbly! Special thanks to both groups!



Lorrie Velez, May 2
Terry Hamel, May 29
Kate Mace, June 1
Deborah Taylor, June 14
Pam Toney & Diane Purser June 22
Ruth Spinello, June 18
Bari Younce, July 1
Mary Jane Richardson, July 4
Lynn Stanley & Ranae Young, July 9
Dr. Nancy McHale & Dr. William Epps, July 10
Sara Carley & Ernestine Morris, July 18
JoAnn Lillis, July 19
Sandy Foreman, July 30

Dates to Remember

July 3 & 4th closed for Independence Day
July 14th Lunch for Michelle
December 7th Annual Volunteer Meeting