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VIM VOICE



THE PICTURE SAYS IT ALL!



Just couldn't say it better than this picture! Wishing you all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. On behalf of the Board of Directors thank you all so very much for sharing your precious time and many talents with us!

Pam



A FRIENDLY REMINDER

If you see that a doctor is not in on your shift please come to the clinic anyway. The phone still rings, patients still walk in and need services and Maggie needs help with some new projects. Also, please remember to check the phones at desk 1 and 2 for messages before you leave. We are still struggling with filling in nursing shifts but hope to have some new nurses soon. In the meantime, please remember to clean the exam rooms before you leave, it saves time for everyone.

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THANKS, JUST AREN'T ENOUGH!



After managing the Best Chance Network program for the past 12 years, we have to say good-bye to Deb Hicks as she moves to Washington State to be nearer to her family. Deb has been instrumental in leading her team in implementing the BCN program at BJVIM! From a closet with no phone in our clinic on Burch Church Rd. to relocating to real office space in Plantation Park, Deb has been tireless in her efforts to make women's health care a vital part of our clinic. Deb was one of the volunteer staff members who interviewed me for my position almost 11 years ago. Her hard work and friendship meant so very much to us all. Deb slipped out of the clinic a few weeks ago leaving a dedicated group of volunteers to continue her tireless work. Her dedication to the BCN has continued to make our program here at BJVIM one of the top Best Chance Network programs in the Lowcountry. We send her our love and thanks for a job well done!



RIDGELAND UPDATES

The exam rooms in the new clinic area are in place and waiting to be painted. Over Thanksgiving holiday the wall between the present clinic and the new exam rooms will be removed. The wall between the pregnancy center and waiting room will also be removed to allow for the new pharmacy design.

Special thanks to Ralph Kerbyson and his friends who built flower barrels for the clinic, planted beautiful flowers and added flags in honor of those who served in the military on Veterans Day! Our patients are very special for sure.





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HALLOWEEN

Maggie organized treats for our patients on October 31st. Thanks to Donna Rhodes for providing a grab bag of individual toothbrushes and toothpaste to hand out to our patients, many of the staff and volunteers dressed up for the occasion! Thanks to all who got involved in this project!



STAFF RETREAT

Our first Staff Retreat was held on Thursday, November 14th. Thanks to Bill Campbell who arranged for us to have the meeting at the Bistro in Belfair. The 12 staff members sat in clinic groups; Bluffton, Ridgeland and the dental clinic, Pam facilitated the meeting and Patricia Evans recorded the minutes.

The topic of the meeting centered around working together now that we really are three clinics strong. Discussion centered around the need to hold recruiting events in Ridgeland and Margaritaville in the hopes of getting more volunteers and how the clinics are similar in organization but each a little different in some program execution. Staff liked the idea of meeting as a group and it was suggested that a similar meeting take place in 6 months in Ridgeland.





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ANNUAL VOLUNTEER MEETING

If you have not signed up for the Volunteer Meeting on Thursday, December 5th please do so this week. We need a head count for seats and meals. In addition to program updates, we will have some community speakers and a presentation by one of our former patients. Volunteer awards will be announced, and Downtown Deli will provide us with a delicious lunch. Please be sure to have your cell phones on hand as we will be holding a "hybrid techy" event. Maggie is hoping she will not be the only one wearing an "ugly sweater" and plans to give out prizes for the ugliest holiday sweaters! This is a great time for board members, staff and volunteers to get to better know one another as we all work together to provide quality care for our patients. Registration and light breakfast start at 8:30 with the program beginning at 9 and ending about 2. Hope to see you there!!

*Please also bring a canned food item to donate to Bluffton Self Help if you are able!

PHARMACY

As many of you know we have been working diligently for several months on updating the BJVIM Pharmacy. This project has involved Ruth, Debbie Fajas and Andrew in the planning stages. Input from Dr. Casey and the nurses has helped to locate a program with a varied drug formulary. Sandy, our pharmacist, has been working to find a user friendly drug inventory program.

All this hard work culminated with a video done by board member Kristen Bush and presentation to the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry for grant funding. Special thanks to all involved in this project. We hope to hear about the Pharmacy Grant for this project sometime in December. Be on the lookout for news!





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THIS AND THAT

- The clinic will be closed for Thanksgiving at the end of the afternoon shift on Tuesday, November 23 and will reopen on Monday December 2
- Flu shots will continue to be made available to our patients only. The flu vaccine has been made available to our clinic from the health department and can only be administered to those without health insurance and meeting financial guidelines.
- In keeping with HIPAA regulations, the door between the waiting room and exam rooms must be always closed. Shout out to Ridgeland for always keeping their door closed, lets make sure we do the same at the Bluffton clinic!
- The clinic will be closed at noon on Thursday, December 19th and reopen on Monday January 6th. Staff are to return to the clinic on Thursday, January 2nd.
- Thanks to all who helped to provide essentials to those in need in the Asheville area hit by the devastating hurricane Helene in September. A local operation airlift group came by the clinic three times to pick up supplies donated by our volunteers!
- Please be sure the backdoor is completely closed. We find that sometimes the door is not completely shut and in the locked position.
- SEE ANDREW FOR PICTURE TO BE TAKEN for volunteer meeting if you haven't had it taken yet!



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DATES TO REMEMBER

November 27, 28, 29 - Closed for Thanksgiving

Tuesday, December 3rd - Giving Tuesday

Thursday, December 5th - Annual Volunteer Meeting

Dec. 23 - Jan. 3rd - Closed for Christmas
*Staff to return on January 2

Thursday, May 15th, 2025 - Bourbon & Bubbly



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