

# Message from Pam - Volunteer Month

April is Volunteer Month! Let's celebrate together all the great works of our BJVIM Volunteers.

Over 30 years ago, President George W. Bush founded Points of Light; a global volunteer organization to encourage volunteerism throughout the world. Pres. Bush believed "we can find meaning and reward by serving others - everyone has something to give!"

April is a special time to honor and celebrate those who give of themselves. BJVIM Volunteers are the means to strengthening our community. Your unique skills contribute to a better community. Your time and talents make a real difference in Bluffton and Jasper County and cause ripple effects in our state and country!

While April is Volunteer Month, please know that the Board of Directors and Staff give thanks to you all every day!

# TOGETHER, YOU ARE A FORCE THAT TRANSFORMS THE WORLD.

Help spread volunteer acts of goodness by:

- Sharing your volunteer experience on social media
- Filling in a clinic shift
- Inviting a friend to become a BJVIM Volunteer
- Sharing a smile with a stranger
- Recognizing a BJVIM volunteer for the hard work and commitment to those in need.

Pam

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# RIDGELAND CLINIC UPDATE

The Ridgeland clinic is almost finished!! Special thanks to Liz, Lynn Stanley and her husband, Kate Mace, Sara, Maggie, Andrew, Sandy, Raquel and Dr. Sullivan for all their help in putting the clinic back together again. We also want to thank Dr. Casey, Dr. Shelton, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Epps and Dr. Irving for their willingness to accommodate the renovation during their clinic hours.

Recently Palmetto Electric gave us a check for \$25,000.00 to help with exam room upgrades. This money brings their total donation to \$100,000.00 for the Ridgeland Clinic! In addition, the Levine Foundation has given capital support for the renovation and the Lions Club donated a beautiful bench where patients can now wait outside and enjoy Spring while waiting for their appointment.

Dr. Bell has recently donated two exam tables and additional furniture for use in Ridgeland. An increase in donations and community interest in Ridgeland are due to the hard work done in Ridgeland by our wonderful staff, nurses and doctors. Watch out for information on the upcoming Open House.













BREAK ROOM

COUNSELING ROOM









# **WELCOME TO KIM**

We welcome Kim Lunceford as our new Nurse Manager. Kim comes to us from Beaufort Memorial Hospital where she served on the Medical-Surgical-Orthopedic floor. Kim graduated from Technical College of the Lowcountry and was part of the SC Nursing Retention Program. Kim originally did one of her nursing rotations at BJVIM with Dr. Casey and then returned to volunteer from 2023 until she was hired in March!



We are very excited to have Kim with us. It is especially wonderful that Kim was very familiar with BJVIM before she accepted the position which helped to make the nurse manager transition less difficult. If you have not already done so, please welcome Kim into our BJVIM family.

#### **MORE NEW FACES**

We have many new faces at the clinic. Dr. John Sullivan, an orthopedist is volunteering in Ridgeland. Dr. Sidney Martin, also an orthopedist, Dr. John Lystash a cardiologist, and Dr. Cheol Shin a neurologist are all working in Bluffton. Within the next few months, we hope to have family physician join the staff taking the clinic time of Dr. Cross. These new additions bring our physician staff to 20! Linda Wollf also continues to add dentists to the clinic as well. Currently 8 dentists are providing service to our patients.

This is amazing, many of you remember the time when we were excited to have 5 doctors working at BJVIM!











#### MEET MILLA!

Meet Milla, our newest and youngest volunteer helping with the mail. Milla received her ID badge in February and grandmother Gail Temple purchased her scrubs. Milla has been visiting with us for many many years but just recently became a volunteer.

#### WINE TIME PARTNERSHIP

Wine Time of Bluffton named BJVIM their Charity of the Month. They donated \$1 for every wine bottle or 'wine battle' sold. Andrew and I visited Wine Time last week and received a check for \$970.00. Special thanks to Wine Time for their generous donation!









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#### SUPRISE VISIT

Recently we had a surprise brief visit from Dr. Cross. He continues to care for his granddaughters while his daughter navigates chemotherapy treatments. He was in the area checking on his home in Sea Pines. He looked well and promised to return to the clinic when things are more settled in Virginia.









# ALL ROAD(MAPS) LEAD TO COLUMBIA

Special thanks to Terry Rowe who traveled to Columbia for a training class on the Roadmap to Health Equity. Terry continues to expand this program working with Dr. Casey to enhance our diabetic program. The program gives us better statistics on patient outcomes through quantitative measures.



### PHARMACY UPGRADE PROGRESS

The pharmacy is expanding. There now is a phone in the pharmacy allowing patients direct access to refill their prescriptions. A new computer has also been installed, with a pharmacy management software program. Sandy is at the clinic three mornings a week and stays very busy. Dian Cybulski will work one morning a week in Ridgeland.



# **LANTERNS FOR SALE!**



Lanterns are for sale! We have 12 lanterns for sale - first come, first served - for \$5 each. See Pam or Andrew for more information!









# **BOURBON & BUBBLY - HELP NEEDED!**

May 15<sup>th</sup> is the date that Bourbon & Bubbly goes Tropical! We are in need of volunteers to help with the auctions and various other jobs. If interested please see Andrew or the sign up page on the bulletin board. This event is always fun and helps tremendously with our fundraising!



# **ANNUAL VOLUNTEER MEETING**



The Annual Volunteer Meeting will be Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Please put that on your calendars as we will once again have a lot to celebrate!



