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VIM VOICE

Message from Pam - Three Clinics Strong!

With the completion of the renovations at the Ridgeland Clinic we can now truly say we are three clinics strong; two medical clinics and one dental clinic. Who would have thought from that tiny trailer on Bluffton Road we would have morphed into an organization of three clinics and a current budget of 1.2 million dollars! This could never have been achieved without the tireless work of our Board of Directors, staff and volunteers.

We have much to celebrate as 2026 will mark our 15th Anniversary!

-Pam

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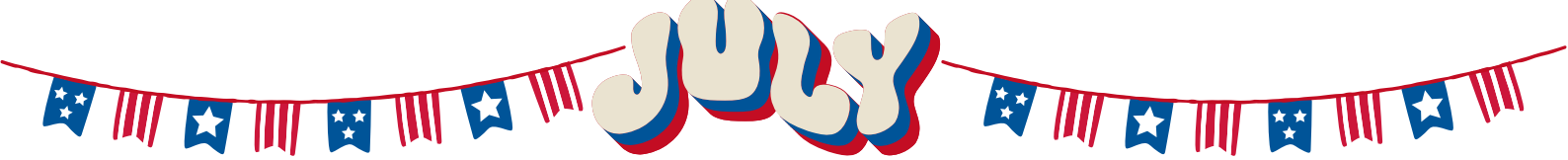
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER
MEETING IS THURSDAY,
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RIDGELAND RIBBON CUTTING RECAP

What a fun night we had on June 12th when the Jasper Chamber of Commerce helped to organize the ribbon cutting and opening of the expanded Ridgeland Clinic! Over 70 people stood under a large tent as Jasper Chamber Chairman Marty Sauls helped the staff cut the ribbon to loud shouts and applause! Many Jasper County council members as well as the mayors of both Ridgeland and Hardeeville and Representative Bill Herbskerman joined staff, volunteers, patients and friends to hear how the clinic has grown since first opening in 2016. The BJVIM Board of Directors has invested one million dollars in the purchase and expansion of the clinic which shares the building with Beacon of Hope Day Care. In two months, the building itself will be completely paid for in addition to all the renovations and new equipment. If you haven't seen the clinic, take a quick ride to Ridgeland, you will be surely surprised!



ROADMAP DATA USAGE



For the last year and a half, we have been learning about our participation in the national Road Map to Health Equity initiative. At BJVIM we have taken a step further and are doing a long-term tracking of those patients involved in the A1c reports. Working with Dr. Casey, Dr. Epps, Dr. Hufford, Maribel Luna, Linda Wolff, volunteers Debbie Fejes, Patricia Evans and coordinated by Terry Rowe, this program will keep data on the A1c patients as they have annual diabetic screenings, foot evaluations, dental visits, cardiac screenings, and participate in nutrition counseling. We hope this program will continue to grow as we see improvements with diabetic patients have high A1c's.



NEW COLLABORATION!

Each year we are adding agencies to our list of collaborating organizations helping our patients. BJVM now has a signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Lowcountry Food Bank to bring nutrition classes to our patients. Collaboration with the Lowcountry Food Bank in addition to Bluffton Self Help, Legal Aid Volunteers, Island House Mental Health, and Memory Matters allows us to concentrate on our medical mission while providing additional services from specialized agencies.



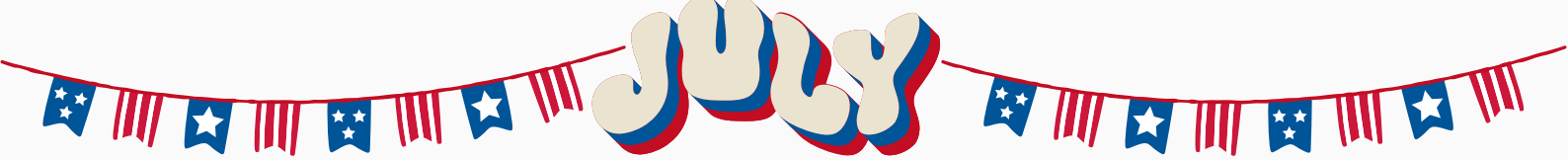
LITTLE FOOD STORE



After petitioning for almost a year, our Property Organization Association (POA) has given approval for us to have a “little food store”. Non-perishable foods will be placed in the store located outside on the corner of our property for anyone to use! Special thanks to Bluffton Self Help for this opportunity to offer help to our patients.

THANK YOU!

Special Thanks to all the volunteers who have recently been filling in shifts. Summer is always a difficult time for us as many staff and volunteers are on vacation.



GOODBYE ANDREW

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Andrew and wish him well as he transitions from BJVIM to a new career using his law skills. This is a wonderful opportunity for Andrew but a sad time for BJVIM. In the short time Andrew has worked with us he has renewed many grants and found new ones, strengthened donor relationships and upgraded Bourbon & Bubbly bringing in almost \$300,000.00 from this year's fundraising event. One of his biggest contributions has been upgrading our computers and enhancing our IT skills.

Please join us at 4:45 this Wednesday, July 9th at Wine Time as we say goodbye and wish Andrew well. Wine Time is located on the Promenade in Old Town Bluffton on the same side of the street as Corner Perk.

QUICK MESSAGE FROM ANDREW

I would be remis if I didn't thank all of you for all you do for the clinic. A large part of my job was telling your stories to showcase the great work being done here - which your dedication and talents made easy to do. I hope you all know that BJVIM has a great reputation amongst our donors and grantors and everyone speaks so highly of the clinic because of the work done here.

It was a privilege to work with such a devoted and talented group of people who give so much back to our community. BJVIM is a special place and will always be near and dear to me and my family which you all welcomed with open arms. I will remain in the area so I'm just a phone call away for any of your computer issues if needed!