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A Note from Pat: CAN YOU SOLVE THIS RIDDLE?

Who has provided excellent primary medical care to VIM's patients?

Who has advised, nurtured, and prayed for VIM's patients, volunteers and staff?

Who has enjoyed all volunteers' interactions and has appreciated their diligent, committed effort to VIM's mission?

Who has contributed to the overall well-being of VIM?

Who has consulted and interacted with multiple local health agencies and VIM's medical director, Dr. Bowers, on behalf of VIM's patients?

Who has a cute little "giggle" when she becomes nervous...(smile!!)?

AND IF YOU HAVEN'T SOLVED THIS RIDDLE BY NOW...

This is none other than VIM's First Nurse Practitioner, "**Miss Amber**"...who will be missed by all...patients, volunteers and staff alike.

The best to you, Amber. May God's grace continue to shine upon you as you embark on your new career as a professor in UTC's Nurse Practitioner program. CONGRATULATIONS!

Grant Reid and McCallie Men in Medicine

It's always an honor to meet a young person who has the maturity to look beyond himself to recognize opportunities to serve and make an impact in the community. We're happy to honor Grant Reid and the McCallie Men in Medicine for doing just that with their contributions to Volunteers In Medicine. Grant formed McCallie Men in Medicine with fellow students and raised enough money to sponsor the clinic for a day.

Grant became aware of VIM-Chattanooga in 2004 through a newspaper article about the uninsured.

Nancy Franks was quoted in the article and gave information on the efforts to open the free clinic in Chattanooga. Grant called Nancy to find out how he could help. He told Nancy that his father had successfully battled colon cancer and his family was so thankful for having good insurance coverage. He witnessed the large role health insurance played in his father's care. When he read about the thousands of people in this area who have trouble obtaining health care because of lack of insurance, he felt the calling to help.

Soon after Grant spoke to Nancy, he emailed the student body at McCallie and received about 20 responses from young men who were interested in volunteering. The new group met with Mr. Robert Bires, Dean of Student Life and English and American Studies Teacher, who is instrumental in planning volunteer efforts. Together, they devised the plan to raise money by selling Domino's Pizza Buy One Get One Free card program. The McCallie Men in Medicine would get half of the \$12 cost of the cards. They sent emails to McCallie parents announcing the program. They also sold some cards at McCallie football games. In two months ending November of 2006, they raised \$1,550 to pay for the clinic for a day. That day will be Friday, May 18th. A poster will be hung on the wall at the clinic to recognize the group for their amazing efforts.

McCallie Men in Medicine will continue its efforts to support VIM and will be headed by Reggie Brown after Grant's graduation. Reggie plans to run the successful pizza card program, again. Future plans for the McCallie group also includes a book drive to secure more books for the children's area in the Chattanooga clinic.

Grant is the son of Ron and Jo Ann Reid. He is a National Merit Scholar Finalist and received a partial merit scholarship to attend the Honors

You have caught the vision with us. Thank you for caring for "the least of these."

Program at University of North Carolina. Grant will spend several weeks this summer at Ted Turner's Flying D Ranch. He was a volunteer at the ranch last year reintroducing a native trout to Montana. He was invited back this summer as a paid employee.

VIM-Chattanooga gives many thanks to the industrious young men of McCallie and look forward to a long, successful partnership.

VIM Highlights:

Memorial Hospital's mammogram van mobile came out to the clinic on March 1st and it was back to the clinic again on April 5th to take mammograms of VIM patients and others in the community.

Dr. Randy Walker, UTC Physical Therapy Instructor and volunteer at the clinic, has arranged for a PT table, ultra sound equipment, and heated compress treatment to be donated to the clinic. The patients are enjoying this new addition.

Alstom Power has donated 10 Dell computers (1.8 – 2.4 GHz) to the clinic. This has completed the updating of our IT equipment.

A VIM Golf Tournament is being planned for Sat., July 28th at 8 AM at Brown Acres Golf Course. Randy Smith, Sports Director for WRCB TV Channel 3, is the spokes person for this event. We hope your business/organization/individual will support this endeavor.

The VIM website has been updated: www.vim-chatt.org

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**Happy Second Anniversary,
VIM-Chattanooga**
Look how far we've come and how many we have served with the grace of God!

Key data as of the end of April concerning the primary care area of the clinic and 2 years

Category	April YTD 2006	April YTD 2007	5-05 thru 4-07
Patient visits	1,439	1,783	8,025
X-rays	64	77	400
Dental Services	N/A	\$3,128	\$4,309
Medical Services provided, X-Ray	\$121,104	\$147,994	\$673,906
Laboratory Services	\$26,727	\$42,440	\$159,141
Clinic Dispensary	\$73,220	\$51,528	\$330,310
PAP meds (90day supply)	\$156,467	\$156,487	\$1,010,885
Total Medical Care Delivered (clinic rates)	\$377,518	\$401,577	\$2,178,550
Total Medical Care Delivered (ER rates)	\$598,569	\$677,667	\$3,346,215
Available Counseling Hours*	N/A	181	462
Referrals – Memorial's Breast Center*	49	49	248
Referrals - Project Access*	94	111	474
Total Volunteer Service Hours*	3,862	4,000	24,831
Total Est. Value of Volunteer Hours*	\$126,097	\$128,402	\$736,251

* Value is not included in Medical Care Delivered

VIM Staff = 4.5 FTEs

Comments from a VIM patient:

I think this place is great. Everyone is so nice every time I have an appointment. My past experiences with the medical world were anything but positive. After coming here I found the change I was looking for. I found a clinic where the Doctors and Staff really care about their patients!

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