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**WELCOME DEBORAH TOBEY, RN, BSN, MS  
 AS VIM'S NEW CLINIC DIRECTOR**

Deborah will be coming on board Monday, Feb. 20th. In the mean time, she leaves Feb. 10th - 18th on a mission trip. 1997 to present, she served at BCBS, as manager, Technology Assessment Business and Outreach Unit. Her resume is impressive. To summarize, she has demonstrated the ability to learn and apply appropriate uses of new and emerging business technologies. She fosters an atmosphere that allows development of creative solutions to business problems. Deborah motivates staff to utilize existing skills and acquire new talents in approaching assignments. In short, she is an accomplished, seasoned professional with proven success in operations management to achieve organizational missions. She has excellent organization, decision-making, problem solving, project management, presentation and interpersonal communication skills. In addition to the above, Deborah is taking her last class to complete her MBA; she has kept up her clinical skills over the years by working in the ER and currently is the night nurse at McCallie School. She is excited about coming on board and all of us are thrilled. She is a big answer to prayer!

**VIM 2005 ANNUAL REPORT**

Our first annual report is complete and posted on the web. Please visit [www.VIM-CHATT.org](http://www.VIM-CHATT.org) and see what a great job Richard Franks did putting this document together. Thanks to each and every one of you who volunteered and help to make all those good statistics possible! Following are some excerpts from the report, which covers the year to date, with patient data referring to May through December 2005.

**Financial Summary:**

VIM closed the period \$67, 069 under budget, in large part due to the donated services of the Medical Director and to donated services and supplies.

**Patient Visits**

Category	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	YTD (May - Dec.)
Patients screened and qualified	154	853
Patient visits	679	1610
Medical care delivered (clinic rates)	\$123,594	\$291,992
Medical care delivered (emergency room rates)	\$247,189	\$583,984
X-rays	56	91
Referrals - Memorial Hospital Breast Center	30	62
Referrals - Project Access	70	141

**Medical Sessions:**

Provider Category	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	YTD (May - Dec.)
Physicians	46	124
Nurse Practitioners	19	37
VIM Nurse Practitioner *	17	45
Dietitian	6	10
Physical Therapy	10	13
Total	96	226

\* VIM Nurse Practitioner is part of our paid staff. All other sessions provided by volunteers.

**Volunteer Statistics:**

Category	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	YTD
Volunteer service hours	2,631	9,177
Training session attendees	50	231

Chaplain sessions	30	92
Community Presentations	9	56
Clinic Tours	4	29
Estimated Value of Donated Volunteer Hours	\$66,305	\$204,617

### INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

We are in need of volunteers to serve for a four-hour session with the following types of skills:

- Nurses - both RNs and LPNs
- Medical Assistants
- Pharmacists
- Phlebotomists
- Computer Skills

If you are interested in volunteering for a four-hour session in one of these areas, please call the clinic at 855-8220 and ask for Sonia or Marilyn.

**Barbara Weinhold** retired as Clinic Director at the end of 2005. Her efforts to train, coordinate and lead the many volunteers made VIM Chattanooga successful in its first year. We are indebted to her tireless dedication to the start up and initial operation of the clinic. She has been honored with a permanent plaque and portrait displayed in the clinic. Our prayers of gratitude and intercession continue to God as Barbara progresses through treatment.

### SPOTLIGHT ON FIRST-CENTENARY UMC and THERESE PADGETT

Volunteers in Medicine would like to highlight First-Centenary United Methodist Church and member, Therese Padgett, in their roles in supporting the clinic's great works.

First-Centenary and Therese have been involved with VIM from the early stages. Senior Minister, Charles Neal, believed in the need for the free clinic and asked Therese to lead First-Centenary's efforts in the cause. As Chairperson of the Local Missions Team, Therese gladly agreed. She joined VIM's Business Committee and helped write the business plan. Therese started the newsletter in the fall of 2003 and continues as the Editor-in-Chief. Another member of the church who

joined VIM early is Sue Hyatt, who came on board with the Grants Writing Committee.

First-Centenary recruited VIM volunteers from their church by sending letters to all the physicians and healthcare providers announcing the formation of the clinic. Dr. Doyce Payne presented to First-Centenary members to further describe VIM's vision.

The talent of First-Centenary volunteers has blessed VIM-Chattanooga. Many of their members have experience directing large community outreach programs, such as Goodwill Industries, Head Start and First Things First. Not only is this church supporting us with dedicated volunteers, they give financially. Their Missions Team contributed several thousand dollars and the church gave one-half of their Christmas 2004 offering to VIM. Therese continues to keep First-Centenary members abreast of the clinic's progress and needs by including VIM news in her church's newsletter.

We're honored to be among the many community ministries that receive help from members of First-Centenary. In addition to their current efforts, the church's history includes partnering with other downtown churches to initiate The Community Kitchen, Room-It-The-Inn, The Partnership for Families, Children and Adults and the Inner City Ministry of FCUMC.

Some personal information VIM members may not know about our newsletter editor is that Therese is a Stephen Minister. As a Stephen Minister, she is a trained Christian friend for people experiencing a crisis or life-stage transition who are referred to her through the clergy. Therese started the Interfaith Hospitality Network at First-Centenary. Churches in the IHN network host homeless families with children by providing shelter, food and companionship, one week a quarter. Therese has two godsons, Tye and Logan, two "borrowed daughters" Birgitta and Kirstin who are exchange students from Sweden and Germany, respectively, and a 15-year-old cat named Manasseh.

It is because of all the wonderful support VIM and other organizations receive from First-Centenary members that we salute them and Therese Padgett this month. Dr. Dennis Flaughner, Ministerial Director of Discipleship for First-Centenary, emphasizes that Therese is a pivotal person at their church. Dr. Flaughner says, "Therese has a real heart for this mission – it is a real passion for her. We believe in VIM and First-Centenary is in this for the long haul."