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A Note from Pat: Cristin Doty HAS ARRIVED!

Patients, volunteers, board and staff welcomed Cristin Doty, VIM's new nurse practitioner, with open arms on June 11, 2007! Cristin comes to VIM from Memphis, where she served as a nurse practitioner at a local family practice. Cristin brings a variety of skills and talents to the clinic and serves as a tremendous asset to the clinic. She received her BA in biology from Carson Newman College and her MSN from Vanderbilt University. She loves living in Chattanooga with her husband, Jesse (who began a residency with Erlanger Hospital in orthopedics in July), and her two Weimaraners and is happy to be a part of the expanding activities of the clinic...welcome aboard, Cristin!!!

VIM Highlights:

- An Appreciation Luncheon for VIM Volunteers was hosted by Sonia Wrate and Marilyn Fore, Director & Assistant Director of Volunteers, on Wed. May 16th. Over 70 volunteers attended and it was a great time of renewing friendships and celebrating the joy of serving.
- With sadness we report that Sonia Wrate, Director of Volunteers, has left us. She and Marilyn Fore came on board in February 2005 and set up and trained all the volunteers that serve in the clinic. (80 per month) Sonia has done an outstanding job and we wish her the very best. Marilyn will continue to serve on staff coordinating and training the volunteers.
- A hearing aid company saw our first patients. Two VIM patients have been tested and fitted with hearing aids at no charge.
- A short DVD has been made telling the Chattanooga VIM story. DVDs, with narration by Heidi Robinson and showing numerous clips of patients and volunteers, have been mailed to church pastors in Hamilton County. Please ask your pastor if he has watched the VIM story DVD.
- Thanks to generous donations from the Held Foundation and Essilor of America, Inc., eye equipment is in process of being ordered for the clinic. We will let you know as soon as it is installed!
- Memorial Hospital's Mammogram Van is scheduled to be at the clinic twice in the month of July.
- The Today Show did a nice feature on Dr. Jack McConnell on July 4th. If you missed it you can go to <http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/19602359> and see it. One difference in the Chattanooga Clinic and the Hilton Head Clinic is that HH uses mostly retired physicians, whereas over half of the physicians who serve in the Chattanooga clinic are currently practicing.
- The Randy Smith VIM Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, July 28th at Brown Acres. Tee time is 8 AM. There are still openings for you to play in the tournament. Some of the celebrities besides Randy Smith are Bob Kessling, Pat Ryan, Gibby Gilbert, Sr., Dr. B., and Quake. Come out and support the VIM Chattanooga clinic in addition to having a great time. Go on our website's opening page www.vim-chatt.org for information or call 499-0994 for information and to register for the tournament

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



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Volunteers in Medicine Update: January – June, 2007

Key data as of the end of June concerning the primary care area of the clinic:

Category	June YTD 2006	June YTD 2007
Patient visits	2,295	2,583
X-rays	96	120
Dental Services	N/A	\$3,628
Medical Services provided, X-Ray	\$184,499	\$216,590
Laboratory Services	\$41,164	\$48,790
Clinic Dispensary	\$93,916	\$70,084
PAP meds (90day supply)	\$265,596	\$232,630
Total Medical Care Delivered (clinic rates)	\$585,175	\$571,722
Total Medical Care Delivered (ER rates)	\$904,754	\$910,814
Available Counseling Hours*	33	298
Referrals – Memorial’s Breast Center*	83	61
Referrals - Project Access*	136	165
Total Volunteer Service Hours*	5,769	6,074
Est. Value of Donated Volunteer Hours*	\$196,765	\$196,202

* Value is not included in Medical Care Delivered

VIM Staff =4 FTEs

June YTD Financial Stats:

Operational Expenses: Spent \$176,534

Cost: \$68.34 cost of one patient visit. Value Delivered \$221 at clinic rate or \$353 at ER rates.

Rate of Return: For every \$1 donated the return was 3.24 times at clinic rate or 5.15 times at ER rates.

We need to broaden our donor base. If you know of an individual or business who would like for their money to be wisely spent in our community, please give us their name and we will be happy to contact them about this project. Is your church involved? If not, please pass along this newsletter to your pastor or missions committee and encourage your church to become involved in this ministry.

• **Comments from VIM patients:**

VIM has really helped with my physical problems. I don’t know what I would have done without (you) being here. Thank you very much and may God bless you all.

I think my experience with the clinic is wonderful. The staff is very friendly. This is a great place to receive health care. It is also a blessing from God. I truly thank you all for your help and concern.

Thank you for remembering “the least of these.”

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