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### **THANKSGIVING THANKFULNESS**

We at VIM are particularly aware of all the reasons we should be THANKFUL this season...

**T**...thankful for the TEACHING position that one of our patients was able to obtain after being served for a number of months by VIM in the interim period between college and getting a job AND insurance

**H**...in HONOR of Madeline Ooten, who was a volunteer with VIM from opening day until her untimely death in September

**A**...ALWAYS thrilled to hear of VIM patients who have received raises or better jobs and can now afford insurance

**N**...NIGHT clinics have begun and will be in full swing in 2007

**K**...KNOWLEDGE of VIM patients that they have given back in some way- one patient washes VIM's windows when he can. Another patient bought for three exam rooms, measuring tapes, so that physicians would be able to measure size of wounds, after he discovered the exam rooms did not have any tapes.

**S**...SHARING the sadness of critical illnesses with VIM patients and their families as well as the improved conditions of so many of VIM's patients

**G**...GETTING "Medicare" for those patients who are now turning 65 and were able to be helped by VIM in the interim period before they turned of age

**I**...INITIATING behaviors by all the selfless volunteers who continually think of ways to improve serving VIM's patients

**V**...those patients VYING for Disability reimbursement and after long years of trial and perseverance have been awarded disability checks

**I**...the INCLINATION of the staff to continue to lead and encourage all those who give of themselves day in and day out at VIM

**N**...NOT ever too great is a problem that can not be solved by the generous volunteer leadership of the board

**G**...GIVING excellent primary care to VIM's patients continues to be the motivator of VIM and all of its participants

May we continue to be mindful of all of the blessings that VIM sees each day...May each and every one of you enjoy a wonderful holiday season ...

### **NOTES FROM THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS**

As we reflect back over this year, we realize we have much to be thankful for:

- ❖ Dedicated Donors – who faithfully provide: financial support; volunteers; medication; x-ray technology; laboratory processing; encouragement and so much more – Thank you!
- ❖ Dedicated Board – who tirelessly volunteer to support other volunteers, the VIM staff and raise funds for the continued operation and success of VIM – Thank you!
- ❖ Dedicated volunteers – an average of 57 positions are filled each week at VIM or another way to look at this is, **over a 4 week period, volunteers fill 227 positions.** What amazes us the most is for the last 10 months an average of 82 different volunteers have filled these 227 positions per month! An incredible testimony to the commitment, compassion & concern for our community – Thank you!

While it is a difficult task to select volunteers to spotlight in the newsletter – we believe all our volunteers are special and each of you contribute uniquely to the success of VIM – we would like to highlight a few who, over the last 10 months, have consistently demonstrated a true spirit of volunteerism here at VIM and have volunteered over 100 hours.

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

**Louise Dover** – Louise is a nurse working in Triage every Thursday. She is very kind and thoughtful to the patients as she checks their vital signs. We are grateful for her dependability and willingness to fill in on short notice.

**Dr. John Ellis** – Each Thursday since we opened Dr. Ellis has faithfully seen patients at VIM. He has had many different nurses with varied levels of experience to help him. He always comes in smiling and makes the best out of each situation.

**Diane Folk** – Diane has been doing lab work on Mondays or Tuesdays for about one year. She is cheerful and thoughtful of the patients. She makes each day a good one!

**Sherry Johnson** – Sherry comes each Thursday to screen our potential new patients. She is very thorough and patient with those she screens, even when they have many questions and do not always have all their paperwork.

**Mary Lamb** – Mary has put in a lot of time in the Dispensary. She has been extremely dependable and patient with many different assistants. The time she has given has made a decided difference in the lives of our patients.

**Polly Lane** – Polly is in the Lab on Thursdays. She has been with us more than a year. She quietly works away doing the long list of lab draws without any complaints. We are only one of many ministries she is involved with.

**Angie McLaughlin** – Angie usually comes on Wednesdays to help in the dispensary. She is a tremendous help with sorting, and logging in the medications from the patient assistant programs (PAP). She also calls to remind the patients their medication has arrived. Her talents are not limited to the dispensary; she also helps with the front desk, scheduling and screening

**Marie Miller** – Marie has also been with us since we first opened. She has worked in the dispensary and with the pap forms on a weekly basis. Her help during our first year was invaluable.

**Beverly Roache** – Beverly does a variety of activities at the clinic. She has helped with screening, registration, answering phones, and with special computer projects. She is flexible and helps us by filling in for others when we have a cancellation.

**Sue Rose** – Sue is a nurse who has been with us for more than a year. She does triage, and assists in the exam rooms. She is here consistently on Tuesdays. It is not uncommon to see her giving a patient a hug when a little encouragement is needed.

**Charlie Rucker** – Charlie has helped in a number of positions. Most of his time is spent in the dispensary on Mondays. He keeps everyone happy with his comments as they work at reducing the large task in the

dispensary. He has also helped several times with Health Fairs.

**Elaine Stroud** – Elaine has spent time doing our PAP program and then moved into the dispensary. She is here every Tuesday with a big smile ready to tackle whatever we give her to do. Her latest project for the clinic has been to replace our paper signs with lovely needle point signs. About eight of them are now dressing up our clinic walls.

**Ron True** – Ron quietly comes into the office area and works for hours reducing the big stack of PAP papers that need attention. He helps with health fairs and faithfully remembers VIM by directing donations of medical equipment to us.

**Virginia P. Yarbrough** – Virginia has spent a lot of her time here screening new patients. She is now working in the PAP program, interviewing patients and filling out their paperwork to request the free medications. She has also helped with Health Fairs and filled in when we have had cancellations.

These are just a few of our outstanding volunteers. It is a joy to work with all of you – Thank you for all you do!

**PLEASE HELP!!!** We are in the process of updating our records and need a copy of the following for **all** volunteers: driver's license; and yearly TB skin test. For our medical volunteers, we need copies of current: RN; LPN; MD; PT; RD; CPR and ACLS licenses or certificates. We would like to have these updates completed by the start of the new year. Thank you for helping us reach this goal.

We are also updating our volunteer data base. If you have been thru an orientation training to volunteer at VIM and have not been able to volunteer for whatever reason please call to let us know you want to remain on our active list of volunteers.

#### **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 with computer skills
- Medical Assistants with computer skills
- Pharmacists
- Phlebotomists
- Physicians

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

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## In Honor and In Memory in 2005

### In Honor Of

Given By

**Dr. Bowers & VIM staff**  
*Fred & Barbara Weinhold*

**David & Shannon Buckner**  
*Charlie Sedman*

**Mr. & Mrs. William J. Cameron**  
*Betty M. Cooper*

**Richard & Nancy Franks**  
*The Open Door Class Ridgedale Baptist*

**Wylie & Mary Gross**  
*Bill & Charlotte Henderson*

**Becky Hall**  
*Dr. & Mrs. Al Bowles*

**Rev. Laurence & Dr. Sandra Hesser**  
*Sarah Martin*

**Jim & Sue Hyatt**  
*Bob & Lucy McElhaney*

**David & Mary Lamb**  
*Liz Morton*

**Theresa Maddox**  
*Ken & Polly Henry*

**Garnet & Nancy Martin**  
*Susan Martin*

**Rev. Randy & Patsy Martin**  
*Sarah Martin*

**Dr. & Mrs. Neal Robinson**  
*Chet & Kathryn Robinson*

**Dr. & Mrs. William E. Rowe**  
*Dr. & Mrs. James R. Royal*

**Dr. Colleen Schmitt**  
*Greg & Tyra Gray*

**Rev. & Mrs. Christopher Seddon**  
*Bev & Neal Robinson*

**Charles & Pauline Smith**  
*Linda Bennett*

**Amon & Mary Swanger**  
*Bea Arnold*

**Elise Underwood**  
*Larry & Jeanette Underwood*

**Barbara Weinhold**  
*Riley & Debra Dickerson  
Mary & Bill Waddell*

### In Memory of

Given By

**Dr. I. Lee Arnold**  
*Mr. & Mrs. Amon Swanger*

**Mr. & Mrs. S. J. Bowman**  
*Vance & Monya Barnes*

**Otis Burns**  
*Richard & Nancy Franks*

**Kathy Case**  
*Chris Case  
Ricardo & Carol Carmona  
Paul Christopher  
Betty M. Cooper  
Susan Denoon*

*Richard & Nancy Franks  
Marjean L. Gingrich  
Grapevine-Colleyville ISD  
Donna Honsburge  
David & Becky Hall  
James & Sue Hyatt  
Life-Learning is for Everyone  
Steven & Rhonda Miller  
James & Jean Philpott*

**Thomas Colston**  
*Liz Morton  
James & Deborah Catlett*

**Dr. Robert L. Craig**  
*Dr. Elisabeth M. Craig*

**Larry Dalton**  
*Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Garner*

**Lois Davis**  
*John & Linda Ludington*

**Vance Fry Jr.**  
*Rear Admiral & Mrs. Vance Fry*

**Ruby Pate Gerald**  
*James & Doris Biddle*

**Robert Goodgame**  
*Mr. & Mrs. Charles Goodgame*

**Chuck Gross**  
*Wylie & Mary Gross*

**Debbie Humble**  
*John & Linda Ludington*

**Walter Johnson**  
*Walt & Jaime Lacey*

**Mr. Kirby**  
*Richard & Nancy Franks*

**Inez McConnell**  
*Richard & Nancy Franks*

**Orene McCrary**  
*James & Doris Biddle*

**Richard Parham**  
*Genesis 2 Class Ridgedale*

**Calvin M. Payne**  
*Kathy Case  
Chattanooga Chapter Freedoms Foundation*

*Richard & Nancy Franks  
Wylie & Mary Gross  
David & Becky Hall  
Ken & Kay Marie Kendall  
John & Linda Ludington  
David & Theresa Maddox  
Dr. & Mrs. Bob Myers  
Carol & Mickey Smotherman  
Paul & Chris Yngve*

**Barbara Pedigo**  
*Genesis 2 Class Ridgedale*

**Wendy S. Prather**  
*Ann & John Bisese*

**Samuel Z. Rose**  
*Sue Rose*

**James E. Stinson**  
*Lula E. Stinson*

**Dr. Wesley Stoneburner**  
*Dr. & Mrs. David Conner*

**Jerry Turner**  
*Gene & Gail Pike  
Wylie & Mary Gross  
Richard & Nancy Franks*

**Betty Walker**  
*Genesis 2 Class Ridgedale  
Richard & Nancy Franks*

**Harry Wilkinson**  
*Mary P. Wilkinson*

**Christine Woodward**  
*John & Linda Ludington*

**Dr. George Young**  
*Richard & Nancy Franks*