

## Why We Need Your Help

In life, we all require some kind of assistance whether it is physical, financial, or spiritual. Most of us have received some sort of help at some point in our lives, or have known someone who has.

Volunteers in Medicine, Chattanooga Inc. is a locally funded 501c3 charity. Its mission is to meet the health care needs of our friends and neighbors in Hamilton County who do not have regular access to medical care. The lack of basic health care is not just a problem for these people, but for all of us. Over 46 million Americans do not have health insurance. Over 43,000 of these people live in Hamilton County, Tennessee. Because of this, the doors to our clinic must stay open now more than ever.

VIM Chattanooga serves over 5,000 patient visits and delivers health care valued at over \$1.7 million at normal clinic rates. Our challenges have never been greater and our services have never been more needed.

## Leave a Legacy

VIM offers a unique opportunity to make a difference now and for years to come in this community. All gifts, large or small are important. You don't need to be wealthy to make a difference in the lives that follow.

We invite you to establish a lasting legacy by making a gift now, or at a future date, to the VIM Endowment Fund. The support you pledge today can help forgotten individuals and families in Hamilton County for years to come.



"I was working temporarily and had no health coverage provided. A friend told me about VIM. The medications provided proved to be a life saver, and a big plus for my life."

"My husband and I moved to Chattanooga after being devastated by Hurricane Katrina. We had no income and no insurance and were trying to furnish a household. VIM showed us that people really do care."



## Frequently Asked Questions & Answers Leaving a Gift to the VIM Endowment Fund

### How do I leave a gift to support Volunteers in Medicine Chattanooga, Inc?

There are several ways to do this with the most common being through a Will. Many people gift a certain dollar amount. Others leave a percentage of their estate or any assets left over after they have provided for their family. Some people give something they own, like a car or their house. Others leave life insurance, stock or another financial investment.

### Do I need to include my wish to leave a gift to VIM in my Last Will or Trust?

To make certain that VIM receives your gift, you should state your intentions in your Will or Living Trust. Without a Will or Trust you lose control over your assets after your death, since your property and finances will be settled according to state laws and not your family's wishes. Be certain to use the full and legal name, Volunteers in Medicine Chattanooga, Inc.

### Do I need to have an estate to leave a gift to VIM?

"Estate" is simply a word used to describe any property, money or personal belongings you have when you die. Most people leave an estate, even if they don't have a lot of money. Anyone can arrange to leave a charitable gift from their estate.

## Who can help me arrange a gift for VIM?

If you are working with a professional like a financial planner, attorney or CPA, please talk with them about leaving a gift. If you don't have a relationship with a professional, feel free to call one of our VIM Board Members. They can advise you as to how to proceed.

## How do I leave a gift in memory of a person for a specific purpose?

A gift is a wonderful way to recognize someone who has made a difference in your life. VIM recognizes honorariums and memorials on our website:

[www.vim-chatt.org](http://www.vim-chatt.org)

## Should I tell Volunteers in Medicine that I left a gift?

That is up to you. VIM Directors would like to recognize your generosity, but whether or not you tell us is your decision.

## Examples of Planned Giving Options:

- Last Will or Trust
- A Charitable Remainder Trust
- A Charitable Annuity Trust
- Life Insurance
- Leave a Memorial
- Restricted Gift



"I work in the medical field and work around people all day who have medical insurance and I had none. You think 'nobody cares about me, even if I get sick and die.' VIM welcomed me with open arms."

## About VIM

Opened in May 2005, Volunteers in Medicine Chattanooga, Inc. (VIM Chattanooga) is a ministry that provides primary medical care to financially eligible individuals, that do not have health insurance and are residents of Hamilton County. These individuals would have no other access to health care.

The clinic is operated by a community of volunteers including physicians, nurse practitioners, nurse assistants, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, nutritionists/dietitians, physical therapists, X-Ray technicians, business associates and volunteers with a wide variety of skills.

### Our Mission...

#### Is Simple.

To understand and serve the health and wellness needs of the medically underserved in our community by providing quality, compassionate and personalized care in a faith based caring environment.

### Our Vision...

#### Is inspired by a higher calling.

May we have eyes to see, with Christian love, those to whom we have been blind, arms to embrace those who have been excluded, hands to touch those needing compassion, wisdom and skill to alleviate suffering, with hearts bonded together.



## Why Not Make a Gift Now?

If you wish to make a gift of cash, real estate or stock, contact one of the VIM Board members or go to the Clinic's website at:  
[www.VIM-Chatt.org](http://www.VIM-Chatt.org).



## Contact Us

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*"I was sick and you cared for me...Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me--you did it to me."*

**-Jesus of Nazareth**

## Volunteers in Medicine, Chattanooga Inc.



## Legacy Giving

Today's Compassion. Tomorrow's Difference.

Listed below are Board members you may call for additional information about planned giving and the VIM Endowment Plan:

**VIM ENDOWMENT BOARD MEMBERS**

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