HOW WE DO IT? WE JUST GET IT DONE!

Since the Covid-19 pandemic hit in March, Volunteers In Medicine Clinic of Lane County has stepped outside of the box and changed our procedures so that we could continue to be a safety net to the un and under-insured, while protecting our staff, volunteers and all members of our community. I am pleased to say that VIM has continued to provide quality medical care to our patients with the use of telehealth care and other socially distant measures.

Our patients are being served by volunteer providers through phone conversations. Our nursing staff, along with our medical interpretation team, has provided wonderful assistance to providers and patients by performing triage and other services.

Our Charitable Pharmacy ensures patients have access to their medications without having to come into the building. VIM has arranged curbside medication pickup, and our pharmacist is available by phone for consultations. We have set aside one shift per week to allow for blood draw services and nursing education. Staff are masked, gowned, gloved and wear face shields while interacting with patients in a quarantined environment.

Thanks to our national VIM office, VIMAmerica, our clinic is now looking to use Doxy.Me, a telehealth care portal that will enhance the quality of telehealth care we provide to our VIM patients. VIM board members Dr. Richard Barnhart and Daniel Reece will help train staff and volunteer providers on using this portal.

I want to give a huge round of thanks to all the volunteers who are helping VIM at this time, whether by carry out duties that allow us to serve patients, or who have stayed in their homes to help keep our community healthy. I also thank the VIM staff, which has helped VIM navigate this pandemic by diligently staying the course, and the donors who have shared their time, talent, and resources to keep our community healthy. Without you, the underserved amongst us would have little to no options of receiving affordable care.

Together we are keeping our community healthy!

Help Us, Help Them!
Our Community is better when we are healthy together.

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Meet VIM’s New Team Members

Jessica Stafford, Front Office Coordinator
Jess Stafford took over as VIM’s Front Office Coordinator in January, but her face was familiar to many of the staff and volunteers. Jess had been a VIM volunteer from 2015-2017, working Medical Records, conducting eligibility screenings and tackling other Front Office duties.

“I have always felt that VIM was home,” she says. “From the beginning, it just felt comfortable. No where else has made me feel as welcomed as I felt here.” When the position of Front Office Coordinator opened up this winter, VIM staff remembered her, and gave her a call. Jess, the mother of two teenagers, said yes, and now has the Front Office running smoothly. She helped the office navigate the changes necessary during the Covid-19 crisis, and is looking forward to things returning to a bit more normal. “I was just starting to recognize patients,” she says. “I look forward to seeing them again.”

Julie Arendt, Finance Manager
Julie Arendt, VIM’s new Finance Manager, has worked in a public accounting firm and managed her own business. Now, she says, she wants to work from her heart.

“I’m at a stage of life where I have a real chance to give back to my community, and I want to take that opportunity,” she says. “I have the chance to do something that makes a difference.”

Julie, a mother and grandmother, was a certified public accountant, and has a master’s degree in accounting. For several years she was associated with the Eugene YMCA, both as a member of the board and as their Finance Director. She learned about VIM while she was with the Y.

“It is definitely an organization that I can wholeheartedly support. So many people are left without essential medical services,” she says, because they are caught between having too much income to qualify for OHP, but not being able to afford insurance premiums. “It is an organization and a mission that is way overlooked.”

One Fine Day and Swingin’ Summer Night
As you can tell, Volunteers In Medicine is needed now more than ever; join us for a combined One Fine Day and Swingin’ Summer Night Virtual Fundraiser on June 24 from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.
Pre-Event sign in from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. Auction opens June 21 so register early and start bidding.
Free Registration, VIP $35 includes a Raffle ticket, Raffle tickets $25 for a chance to win a Jamie Joseph ring. Want to make it extra fun? Invite a small group of friends for a “Watch Party.”

To Register or for more details go to: https://www.vim-clinic.org/event/ofd-on-a-ssn or call Diane at 458-205-6366.

Our Mission: To understand and serve the health and wellness needs of the medically underserved who live and work in Lane County.