



VIM cares for those who have no other access to health and medical care.

OUR MISSION

To understand and serve the health and wellness needs of the medically underserved population and their households, living or working on Hilton Head and Daufuskie Islands.

THE NEED IS GREAT

VIM Hilton Head Island is the largest free clinic in South Carolina and one of the largest free clinics in the country. Thousands of patients rely on us—adults and children alike.

Founded by Dr. Jack McConnell, VIM opened in 1993 and has grown significantly. The clinic now encompasses over 12,000 square feet. There are 97 medical clinics across the country based on the flagship VIM Hilton Head Island model.

Every year, patients visit Volunteers in Medicine more than 30,000 times for their healthcare. VIM provides care in 23 medical specialties and five disease management clinics. VIM keeps children in school, people at work and out of the emergency room.

VIM conservatively saves the local hospital \$2.5 million in uncompensated emergency room visits -- all without government funding.

Our patients are primarily the working poor—more than 70% work or have a family member who does.

One in five of our neighbors in this community we love to call home is uninsured. The hospitality and service industries that serve as the economic engine that fuels our local economy oftentimes do not offer healthcare benefits to their employees.

In order to qualify for VIM, patients' income must not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Patients must live or work on Hilton Head or Daufuskie Islands and be screened annually to establish eligibility.

The Affordable Care Act has not changed the need for healthcare among the poor of South Carolina. With no Medicaid expansion, our free services are as much in demand as ever.

If VIM ceased to function at full capacity, the local hospital's emergency department would be left to absorb 30,000 patient visits annually, resulting in overcrowding, longer waits, decreased profitability for the hospital and increased costs for insured consumers.

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LEVERAGE: HIGH VALUE FOR YOUR DONATION

Your donation enables VIM to secure many essential in-kind gifts that keep our clinic open and our patients healthy.

VIM's in-kind gifts include:

Volunteer Services—more than 600 lay and healthcare volunteers keep VIM open daily year round.

Healthcare volunteers include doctors, dentists, nurses, mental health providers, lab and x-ray technicians and pharmacists.

These volunteers provide in excess of 50,000 hours of service annually to keep VIM open.

Donated pharmaceuticals

Healthcare community donations include surgical, operatory and specialty services.

Donated maintenance, construction, landscape, technology and other vital services.

Generous community donations that support VIM's fundraising activities.

VIM patients volunteer, too. Patients paint, clean the clinic, perform maintenance and repairs—some even hold fundraising activities for VIM.



WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

There are no federal dollars available for healthcare for our patients. Every year we must raise the funds necessary to support the clinic.

Even with volunteer hours and donated services, we have significant costs to run the clinic, including medications, medical and office supplies, a core professional staff, building maintenance and operations.

THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT DOES NOT SOLVE OUR PATIENTS' HEALTHCARE NEEDS

An estimated two-thirds of our patients, those with incomes up to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level, are estimated to be ineligible for any healthcare support.

Those patients who do qualify for ACA support face high deductibles and out-of-pocket cost requirements that act as a barrier to care.

For example, under ACA regulations, a single person earning 200% of the Federal Poverty Level is expected to pay up to 13% of that limited income in a combination of insurance premiums and out-of-pocket costs. In real dollars, that means a person earning \$23,340 would be expected to pay up to \$3,034 annually.