

TIME TO PARTICIPATE!

The Bolger Foundation Challenge: BVMI to match \$100,000 by April 1, 2009

The Board of Trustees, Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative, Inc., has accepted a challenge gift from The Bolger Foundation, Ridgewood, NJ. \$100,000 must be raised by April 1, 2009.

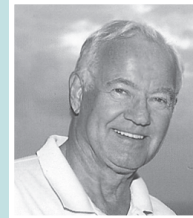
There is still time to participate in this dollar-for-dollar match of all new money contributed to BVMI during the first quarter 2009. The match also includes pledges made by April 1, 2009 and payable by April 1, 2011. Marketable securities at their fair market value, less costs and expenses of liquidation, will count.

"We wish you the best of luck on your fundraising efforts," stated J. T. Bolger, Trustee, in announcing the grant. "Obviously, the Trustees of The Bolger Foundation are very favorably impressed by the operations and the goals of the Bergen Volunteer Medical, Initiative, Inc."

The challenge follows an earlier check for \$100,000 received from the foundation. "The confidence in our project expressed by The Bolger Foundation goes a long way to meeting the goal of opening our health care center this year," said Janet Finke, Co-Chair, Fundraising Committee, BVMI. "Especially during these difficult economic times, such generosity has even greater impact on our ability to go forward. We are extremely grateful."

If you would like to participate in The Bolger Foundation Challenge, please send your contribution to BVMI, Box 337, Hackensack, NJ 07602-0337. You may also contribute on-line: www.bvmi.org. Your contribution must be received by April 1, 2009. Every dollar will be matched by The Bolger Foundation if the goal of \$100,000 is raised. It is an all or none grant. Remember that every dollar counts for two. Your contribution is very much appreciated.

"Many friends of BVMI have responded to the challenge," said Marilyn Schotz, Co-Chair, Fundraising. "We anticipate that many more will join us as we near the homestretch, and we extend our sincere thanks to all who participate. **Your help will bring us over the top!**"



David F. Bolger, Chairman of Bolger & Co., a real estate and investment firm, and President of The Bolger Foundation, both in Ridgewood, NJ.

Growing up in Pennsylvania, the son of parents who emigrated from Holland, David F. Bolger shoveled snow, delivered papers, and was a firefighter in his early years. While attending the University of Pittsburgh, he worked nights and weekends in a steel mill. After graduation, he was the personal executive assistant to financier Thomas Mellon Evans.

Today, the father of three and grandfather of four, Bolger lives in northern New Jersey and Sarasota, Florida. He is a Trustee Emeritus of the Kessler Foundation and an Honorary Trustee of Children's Aid and Family Services of New Jersey, among others.

The Bolger name is synonymous with support for local causes, health care institutions, and preservation efforts. The Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative, Inc. is proud to be among the impressive list of prestigious organizations in which David F. Bolger and The Bolger Foundation have chosen to invest.

Progress Report

We are pleased to report significant progress as we work to establish a physicians' office to provide free primary medical care to Bergen County residents who earn between 100% and 200% of the prevailing federal poverty guideline. The health care center will be located at 241 Moore Street, Hackensack, NJ. We look forward to opening in Fall 2009.

- Architect's drawings prepared by The Bilow Group, Ridgefield Park, NJ, have been approved by the state of New Jersey.
- An Endorsing Resolution in support of BVMI's application for a Community Development grant was passed by the Mayor and Council, City of Hackensack, on February 3, 2009.

- BVMI has received a challenge grant from The Bolger Foundation and a renewed grant from The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey; both grants are described in this newsletter.
- Several committees of BVMI are hard at work, including Fundraising and Development, Business and Operations (and its sub-committees, Human Resources and Implementation), Medical Services, By-Laws, and Nominations.
- The credentialing of doctors, dentists, nurse practitioners, and nurses who have volunteered to serve in the BVMI health center continues under the purview of the Medical Services Committee.



The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey

BERGEN VOLUNTEER MEDICAL INITIATIVE, INC. RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE HORIZON FOUNDATION FOR NEW JERSEY FOR \$40,000 TO FUND PATIENT OUTREACH AND ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS SYSTEM.

BVMI has received a renewed two-year grant from The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey for years 2009 and 2010. The \$40,000 award supports Patient Outreach and an Electronic Medical Records System for BVMI's health center, due to open in Hackensack, NJ later this year.

"This grant from The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey will enable BVMI to reach out to our community and to provide first-class medical care to our patients," stated Bernard M. Weinstein, Chair, Board of Trustees, BVMI. "The Electronic

Medical Records System will allow the delivery of quality care more efficiently."

EMR software is a computerized patient record which includes scheduling, demographic and contact information, medical history, data on every patient visit, and reports.

"We are delighted to partner with BVMI," said Larry Altman, Executive Director of The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey. "The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey is dedicated to supporting charitable organizations making an impact in the lives of people across New Jersey."

The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey awarded \$2.46 million in grants to 18 New Jersey based health centers. BVMI is the only Bergen County based organization to receive funding.

The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey promotes health and an improved quality of life across our state. For more information visit www.HorizonBlue.com/foundation.

Save the Date Invitation to follow

Please come to the ANNUAL MEETING OF BVMI
Thursday, April 23, 2009 • 2 to 4:30 pm • Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, NJ
Keynote Speaker: Gene Cheslock, MD • Parker Family Health Center, Red Bank, NJ
Remarks: Steve Rivkin, Member of the National Board, Volunteers in Medicine, resident of Glen Rock, NJ

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Trustee Thoughts

Judith K. Winn, PhD

"From a personal perspective, when I was asked to join the BVMI Board a year ago, I couldn't say no because all I could think of was how terrible it would be not to have health insurance. The quality of life in both sickness and health would be seriously diminished if we did not have access to good health care."



Dr. Winn, the former President of Bergen

Community College, is the Chair of BVMI's Business and Operations Committee. This committee is responsible for financial forecasts and budget, audit, process for stock donations, and all issues pertaining to the business of BVMI. The Human Resources Sub-Committee and Implementation Sub-Committee report to Business and Operations.

Judy is an active member of the Paramus Rotary Club and sits on the Board of Trustees of the Walter D. Head Foundation, which serves Rotary International District 7490 including Bergen, Hudson and Passaic Counties. She chairs the Scholarship Committee of the Foundation. Judy also enjoys the special pleasure of time with grandchildren.



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