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DOING MORE FOR MORE PEOPLE



BVMI

Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative

*Connecting the Dots
to Better Health*



Dear Friend,

We are feeling energized in 2022! For the first time since the pandemic began, BVMI is accepting new patients. Our eligibility office will soon begin screening people on the waiting list, and our staff and volunteers are eager to welcome those who qualify to their new medical home.

Your generosity has allowed BVMI to weather the last two years, and your continued support will ensure that patients – new and old – have access to high-quality, compassionate healthcare and support. It's a win for all of us!

P.S. Our 2022 Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at the BVMI Healthcare Center. Please save the date and more information will follow. We hope you can join us!

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Many Talents to Share

Donor, business partner, volunteer. Peter Krautle wears all these hats for BVMI. He's the Managing Partner of Louisa Voice, a provider of voice solutions and IT support. Having lived in Canada in the past, he's also a fan of how BVMI makes healthcare work for people who need us.

"Peter gives generously, has connected us to business organizations and community resources, and has represented us at outreach events," said Amanda Missey, BVMI's President and CEO. "He's even come here on a moment's notice to solve IT issues! We're so glad he's in our corner."



Right Time, Right Place

People talk about many things while they're getting their hair done: the weather, current events and yes, even BVMI. Coincidentally, nurse Shelley Larsen is a client at a hair salon that employs Juana, a BVMI patient, as a stylist.

"Juana mentioned that for a while, she couldn't afford healthcare," said Shelley. "Then she found BVMI and has had a great experience."

"When my daughter discovered BVMI for me, I really needed a checkup and a mammogram," explained Juana. "I was also pre-diabetic.

Now I'm healthier – physically, mentally and emotionally."

Shelley added, "Juana was grateful that her primary care provider at BVMI, nurse practitioner Victoria Eftychiou, focused on Juana the Patient and listened to Juana the Person."

"I've always been interested in health," said Shelley. "I managed a health club for years. But when my father passed away much too soon, I did some reflection and decided to go into nursing."



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"So many people here don't have – and cannot afford – medical insurance. BVMI meets a real need. I've had a chance to get to know their volunteers and staff. It's simply a first-class organization, filled with dedicated people."

– Peter Krautle, BVMI
Volunteer & Donor



20%

projected increase
in patient census
in 2022



\$1,700

the cost to provide
a full year of
healthcare for
one patient



1,150

in 2021, BVMI
treated 1,150
patients in 6,800
patient visits



*"If I could rate BVMI
20 stars, I would!"*

– Juana, BVMI Patient

Shelley is now an RN at Hackensack University Medical Center with an MS degree in Nursing. She's studying to become a nurse practitioner. She's also joining the BVMI team as a clinical volunteer!

"Connecting life's dots is important," said Shelley. "Juana telling me about BVMI and me following up was meant to be. I've seen too many 'frequent fliers' in hospital emergency rooms –

people with all kinds of issues. Fewer would be there if they'd received preventive care and education sooner."

An added bonus for BVMI is that our new volunteer is fluent in Spanish. "I've seen the difference when a nurse knows the patients' language," said Shelley. "You connect the emotion on their faces with their actual words. It tells you so much more."



To read more about the people profiled here, visit [BVMI.org](https://bvmi.org)



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Powered by passionate volunteers, BVMI delivers free, high-quality healthcare to Bergen County's working uninsured, helping them live healthy, productive lives.

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CHEERS TO BVMI

May 18, 2022
The Alementary
Brewing Co.



BVMI GOLF CLASSIC

June 6, 2022
Arcola Country Club



BVMI 13TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

September 22, 2022
Edgewood
Country Club

For more information

on upcoming events, contact Barbara Loscalzo,
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