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BVMI

Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative



We're Growing "Above and Beyond" Thanks to You!

**Volunteer
Spotlight**

"When you provide quality care, word spreads. New patients find us." – Dr. David Isralowitz

Ma Standing Up to Her Health Issues



“Coming to BVMI is the best thing that can happen to you. – Ma

At age 37, Ma is unable to work because of multiple health issues.

As a teen, her gallbladder was removed. As a child in the Philippines, she had surgery for a small brain tumor. Her parents are her primary support. But they no longer struggle with large out-of-pocket expenses for Ma’s doctor’s appointments and medications – thanks to BVMI supporters.

“My mother is at peace, knowing I’m in good hands,” said Ma. “I’ve seen several specialists at BVMI. They make me feel valued. I saw the donation box in BVMI’s waiting room and told my dad **we must give what we can and pay it forward.**”

Ma is being treated by these specialists
gynecologist neurologist cardiologist

Suchitra Life is Getting Better

BVMI patient Suchitra has been employed at Burger King for more than 20 years.

She raised her two children essentially alone. Paying for medical care was tough. Then she found BVMI.

“A coworker told me about BVMI when I was sick,” said Suchitra. “In the past, I tried to work out payment plans with doctors, even accepting medicine samples when they could offer them. Now I am managing my diabetes, and my blood lipids are better. I’m not sure how this would have happened without BVMI. My back and leg pain symptoms have also improved. I can keep working.” To BVMI’s donors, she says, **“Thank you for helping me.” (She also sends a hug.)**



“Thank you for helping to provide medical care for people who simply can’t afford it. – Suchitra

Suchitra is being treated by these specialists
dietitian case manager internist



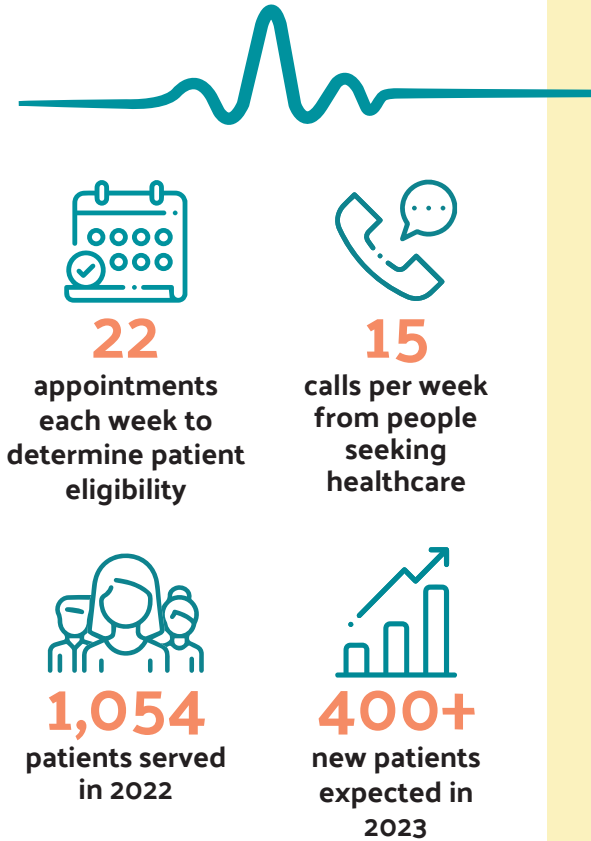
Patient Update: Luis

From critical case to long-term care – not just one and done.

BVMI has provided him with pharmaceutical assistance through the ELLKAY Medication Fund.



Back in 2020, Luis suffered with severe leg and knee pain and used a cane. Without family nearby, he needed assistance with rent, food, and medication. With BVMI’s guidance, Luis applied for Charity Care, covering the cost of knee surgery in 2022. Meals on Wheels continues to help keep his A1c blood count normal. He can now walk without a cane!



Donate Today! You can make a difference for patients: BVMI.org/Donate



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Dear Friend,

Watch us grow in 2023! As patients keep telling others about BVMI, demand continues. And with the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency officially ending on May 11, we expect an increase in new and former patients who will lose their extended Medicaid coverage. We'll be ready – to meet their medical needs and to help find other resources that will make their lives easier. Our expansion plans for a second site in Garfield are alive and well, along with a new concept for Saturday hours in Hackensack. Thank you for being the reason **"We Can!"**

Empathy and Philanthropy: A Double Gift

☺ Too many people work hard but still don't receive medical insurance. We can't let them slip through the cracks. ☺

After 40 years of practicing medicine in a traditional environment, Dr. David Isralowitz was looking for a change. He found it at BVMI, where he devotes a day each week as a primary care provider – plus he's a BVMI donor! A senior attending physician at



Hackensack University Medical Center (HUMC), Dr. Isralowitz also teaches at Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine. His specialties are Internal and Geriatric Medicine, along with compassion for every patient. He tells his colleagues, "If you like helping people, join us. We need your expertise." That makes him a volunteer recruiter, too!



For more about Dr. Isralowitz scan or go to BVMI.org/Volunteer-Spotlight

When you give to BVMI you support many vital patient-centered programs!

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Korean Healthcare Program

ELLKAY Medication Fund

Gene Marsh Patient Emergency Fund



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BVMI GOLF CLASSIC
JUNE 26, 2023**

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