

Welcome to BVMI@Unity Health!

Expanding Our Footprint.
Enhancing Health Care Access.





Building a BVMI for Southwest Bergen County

On May 19, we held our long-awaited ribbon cutting for BVMI@Unity Health in Garfield, celebrating a unique collaboration called Unity Health Partnership between BVMI, Community Food Bank of NJ, CBH Care, and Greater Bergen Community Action.

BVMI@Unity Health will provide the same healthcare services and case management support as in Hackensack with the addition of eye care services—and help cut our lengthy wait list for expert primary care, diabetes prevention, care and management, mental health services, women's health services, and chronic disease management.

Thanks to our generous supporters, more people will feel better, see

better, and have a pathway to a healthier future for themselves (and their families who rely on them) without worrying about how they will pay for it. In Garfield alone, 14.8% of residents live in poverty and 18.6% are working but uninsured—more than double the numbers for the rest of Bergen County.

The Garfield clinic will be open two days per week (Wednesday and Thursday) to start, and our staff will begin seeing patients there in early July. Those seeking an appointment for our free healthcare services can contact BVMI's Eligibility Office at (201) 342-2478 to begin the screening process.

“The services provided by BVMI are very much needed in Garfield and southwest Bergen County. I am honored to be part of bringing this resource to the hardworking people of this community.”

— Tom Duch, Esq, Bergen County Administrator and Member, BVMI Garfield Expansion Committee

Help us continue building hope and healing for more people. Give to the Garfield expansion campaign today.

\$1.75 Million

Our donor opportunities are:

\$15,000–\$1M

various naming opportunities

\$1,100,000

to hire and train our medical team and deliver services over the next three years

\$300,000

medical supplies, equipment, and furnishings

\$100,000

volunteer and patient recruitment

BVMI@Unity Health is an exciting milestone in our nonprofit's growth and evolution. However, **we are still short of our campaign goal of \$1.75 million.**

“Bringing a free healthcare center to my hometown of Garfield fills me with pride and leading this effort has been very rewarding personally. I am grateful to the Garfield Expansion Campaign Committee and the donors that have helped make this possible.”

— Michael Azzara, Chair, BVMI Garfield Expansion Campaign Committee and Former President, Valley Health

Help us bring more hope and healing to our neighbors who need it most with a gift to BVMI's Garfield expansion campaign. Contact Erica Joy West, ejwest@bvmi.net, Charitable Investment Counselor.



Scan to Donate Today!



Scan the code or visit **BVMI.org/Campaign-for-BVMI-Unity-Health** to support our expansion campaign for BVMI@UnityHealth in Garfield. Any amount is appreciated and will be well utilized!

Our donors are the lifeblood of BVMI

See how far your donor dollars go to improve lives every day.

\$3,000

One year of high-quality, comprehensive healthcare to a patient in need.

\$1,150

A full year of well-woman care for three patients

\$750

Prevent Diabetes Program Success Tools for six patients

\$500

New-patient onboarding (including lab work and first visit)

\$250

A visit with the Certified Diabetes Care & Education Specialist

\$180

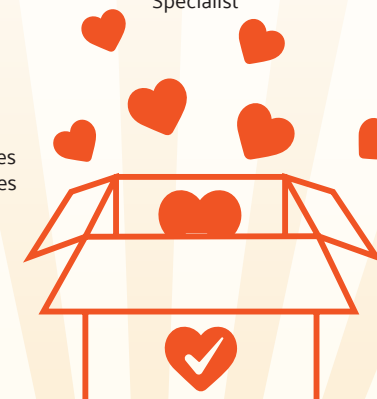
Two lifesaving therapy sessions with a bilingual mental health practitioner

\$75

Support from BVMI's case manager to help patients access community resources that address daily challenges

\$60

Rapid flu tests for six patients



We welcome gifts in any amount so that anyone who supports our mission can do so. Every dollar helps us build on what we've started—and is an investment in the health and wellness of Bergen County's uninsured adults who lack the resources to access high-quality, culturally sensitive, holistic healthcare services.



Dear Friend,

We dreamed it and you helped make it happen!

BVMI's second clinic, BVMI@Unity Health in Garfield, is now a reality—opening doors to essential healthcare services to more low-income, working, uninsured adults in southwest Bergen County. We are so excited about this new chapter in BVMI's story, and for the expanded access to vital resources the new clinic provides.

With looming changes to government safety net programs, the concern is real for New Jersey residents who may soon find themselves without insurance coverage—and with no options for receiving the medical attention they need. That need grows daily, and I am heartened by steadfast supporters like you who are unwavering in their belief (and ours!) that health care is a right, not a privilege, and should be available to all who need it.

Now more than ever, we turn to you to help us continue delivering vital healthcare services to Bergen County's most vulnerable residents.

If you can donate now or increase your monthly contribution, please know that every dollar provides meaningful treatment for those in need...and continues the legacy of our founder, Dr. Sam Cassell, who would be so very proud—as am I—of BVMI@Unity Health.



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**Amanda Missey,
President/CEO**

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

BVMI LEGENDS Luncheon

Honoring:

Arthur De Simone, MD

Howard L. Lipton, DO

Michelle Kaye, MSN, RN

Dale DeAngelis Mottola

**JOIN US FOR
THE LEGENDS
LUNCHEON**

**Oct 29, 2025
Seasons Catering**

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MORE INFORMATION**



Call for volunteers at BVMI@Unity Health

Our expanded footprint in Garfield means we must expand our clinical and administrative volunteer corps. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering in Garfield, please contact Elaine Posner, eposner@bvmi.net, BVMI Volunteer Engagement Manager.



We are proud to announce that BVMI is now a BBB Accredited Charity, having met all 20 BBB standards of charity accountability after completing a rigorous evaluation. Check out our new BBB seal and give to us with confidence.

Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/w7smx6tc>



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

BVMI.org

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