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BECAUSE EVERYONE DESERVES HEALTHCARE

BVMI
Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative



*As Demand Grows,
BVMI Delivers*

Meet Karen,
a new BVMI patient.



BVMI Really Matters. Just Ask Karen

This 34-year-old mother of two works in a warehouse, packaging scented oils. She's always tried to take care of her health, and a coworker told her about BVMI. So far, Karen has had both a primary care and well-woman exam. Her doctor discovered she has ovarian cysts, which he'll continue to monitor.

"I'm so grateful to have BVMI," said Karen. "I just can't afford healthcare, and I hope people keep making donations."

Thousands of adults in Bergen County need BVMI – with your help, we can be here for them, too.

*"I'm so grateful
to have BVMI
— Karen"*

BVMI's Patients Need YOU!

We need people like you to help us meet the growing need for free, high-quality healthcare!

Volunteers

Every volunteer clinician who joins our team loves it here. Physicians and nurses are the backbone of what we do, and specialists are always welcomed. It's a part-time commitment with ongoing satisfaction. Right now, we

especially need primary care providers as well as an endocrinologist. We're also looking for Spanish interpreters.

Contact Elaine Posner, Volunteer Manager, at eposner@bvmi.net



New Patients

Our doors are open and we're looking for new patients! Word of mouth is a powerful tool, and it's how most patients find out about BVMI. Talk about us whenever you can, or volunteer to help with new patient outreach.



Financial Support

Donors like you keep us going. We wish everyone reading this could speak face-to-face with a patient whose life has been changed at BVMI. It's humbling. Could you possibly make a gift today?

With Your Help, BVMI is Serving More Patients



20%
increase in patients expected in 2023



45%
increase in patient visits in 2023 compared to last year



40,000
Bergen County residents could qualify for BVMI

Most of our patients come to us with multiple health issues, and many have not had regular healthcare for a long time – and in some cases, never. Not only are they unable to pay for medical care, they typically struggle to meet day-to-day living expenses. That's why we treat not only physical conditions, but also connect them to services to meet critical needs like food and rental assistance. How can you separate the two?

Expanding our reach is an ongoing activity at BVMI. And soon you'll be learning more about our plans to open a second clinic in Garfield in 2024. Stay tuned!



Donate Today! You can make a difference for patients:
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Dear Friend,

At BVMI, we're working hard to meet the increasingly complex needs of our patients and the growing demand for our services. We're onboarding new patients as quickly as possible and providing them with the best possible care. This will remain our focus, even as we ramp up for the opening of our new clinic in Garfield next year. Right now, we remind ourselves that **you** are the reason all of this is possible. Our patients, volunteers and staff are never too busy to say, "Thank you!"

p.s. We hope you'll join us on September 28 for this year's Anniversary Gala as we celebrate 14 years of changing lives!

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When you give to BVMI you are helping patients like ...

Zoila, who was diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer and will now receive life-saving radiation treatment

Wang, who is receiving care from two volunteer specialists to manage kidney disease caused by previously undiagnosed diabetes

Sandra, a widowed working mom who is now receiving not only healthcare but also assistance with critical needs like food



JOIN US!
14TH ANNIVERSARY GALA
SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

[BVMI.org/Anniversary-Gala](https://bvmi.org/Anniversary-Gala)



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Tickets are still available for BVMI's annual gala. Great people, great party, great purpose!



Mission: 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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