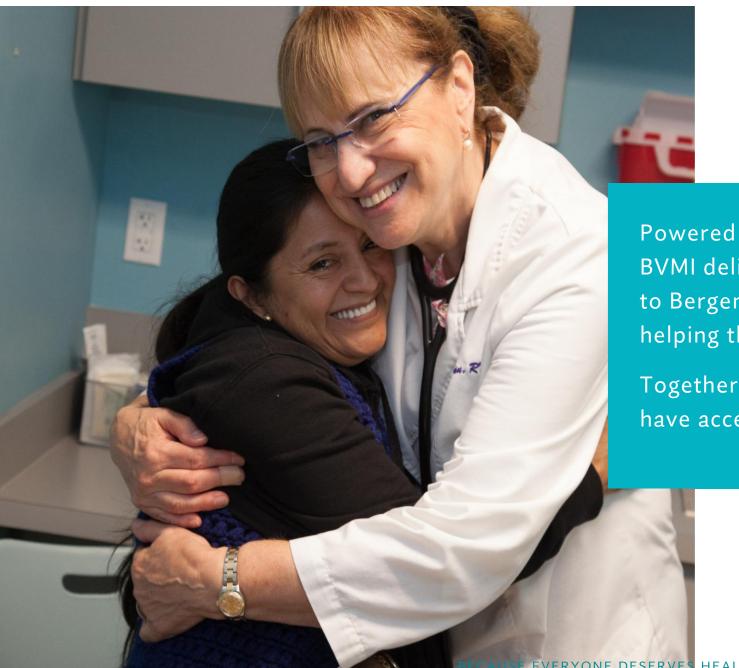


Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative

BUILDING A BVMI FOR A BETTER TOMORROW Because Everyone Deserves Healthcare



# ABOUT US

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

Together we strive for a future where all individuals have access to equitable, high-quality healthcare.

# IN BERGEN COUNTY, **40,000** PEOPLE ARE LIVING WITHOUT ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE\*

# PROBLEM

#### **RIGHT TO HEALTH**

People with social, economic, and/or environmental disadvantages do not have access to quality healthcare. Disparities in our healthcare system are robbing people of their right to health and prosperity.

#### BARRIERS TO CARE

Limited access to primary care physicians, lack of transportation, the high cost of care, and cultural and language barriers all contribute to the number of people without healthcare in our community.

#### COST

New Jersey is among the top 5 states with the *least* affordable Health Care in the country.

19.7% of Bergen County residents would not be able to afford an unexpected\$400 expense without going into debt.

#### THE MOST CHALLENGED

Southern Bergen County is among the most challenged. The number of working uninsured residents in Garfield is more than double (18.6%) the rest of Bergen County (8.4%).

#### HEALTH RISKS

Our patients are already at high risk of physical limitations such as heart disease, diabetes, stroke, and other chronic conditions.

#### HEALTH POVERTY TRAP

By not addressing regular healthcare, our patients risk the financial burden of medical debt, reducing their ability to provide for their families and keeping them stuck in a cycle of poverty.

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#### **THE GOAL**



Raise \$1.75 million to fund the interior renovation, working capital, equipment, and sustainable support needed to operate a new state-of-the-art healthcare center at Unity Health Partnership in Garfield, NJ, which will provide access to desperately needed healthcare for low-income, working, uninsured adults in Southern Bergen County.

#### WHY NOW?



UTION

BVMI has been invited by Greater Bergen Community Action to be part of a unique community collaborative - the first of its kind in northern New Jersey - that will create an innovative health and wellness center and includes a number of mission-aligned health and social service providers under one roof. The goal of the program is to improve service delivery and ensure comprehensive care for low-income, underserved, and uninsured residents of Southern Bergen County, who will receive free access to primary care through BVMI. This exciting project, endorsed by numerous healthcare and civic representatives, was launched with a \$1.5 million Federal grant in 2022, and has been moving through the planning phase with an opening slated for early 2025.

## IMPACT



We believe that everyone deserves healthcare. No one in our community should ever have to avoid, delay or stop needed medical care due to cost. By giving people access to free, local, comprehensive, quality healthcare in a safe, culturally supportive environment, our patients won't have to make inhumane choices between their health and basic needs like food and housing. With medical care, prescription medications and the education services they need, we can lift hardworking people out of the healthcare poverty trap and offer them an opportunity for a better quality of life.

# HOW WE HELP



# CHANGE THE LIVES OF UP TO **1,500** PEOPLE THROUGH BETTER HEALTH

## PRIMARY CARE

- Preventive care
- Urgent care
- Chronic disease
  management
- Case management
- Mental health care
- Vision care NEW!

## WELLNESS PROGRAMS

- Prevent Diabetes
  Program
- Healthy cooking
  demonstrations
- Classes (Zumba, yoga, meditation)
- Support groups

# UNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

BVMI will share space with mission-aligned health and social service providers under one roof to provide comprehensive care for lowincome, underserved, and underinsured residents of Southern Bergen County.

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UNITY HEALTH



# AN INSIDE LOOK

# **BVMI MEDICAL ROOMS**

- 6 exam rooms
- 2 consult rooms
- Vision care center
- Lab

# SHARED SPACES

- Demonstration Kitchen
- In-house Pharmacy
- Conference Room
- Community Spaces

BECAUSE EVERYONE DESERVES HEALTHCARE

# GROWTH STRATEGY

## How we'll scale in the future

## JANUARY 2025

BVMI@UnityHealth will open its doors, serving patients two days a week.

## JANUARY 2026

BVMI will increase delivery of primary care services to three days a week, in addition to offering diabetes prevention and vision care programs.

## JANUARY 2027

BVMI will provide fullservice care for patients four to five days a week Monday-Saturday.

# $\bigcirc$ UNITIE UN C FUN



# \$1,100,000

The hiring and training of our medical team and the cost of delivering services over the next 3 years.

# \$300,000

Medical supplies, equipment, and furnishings

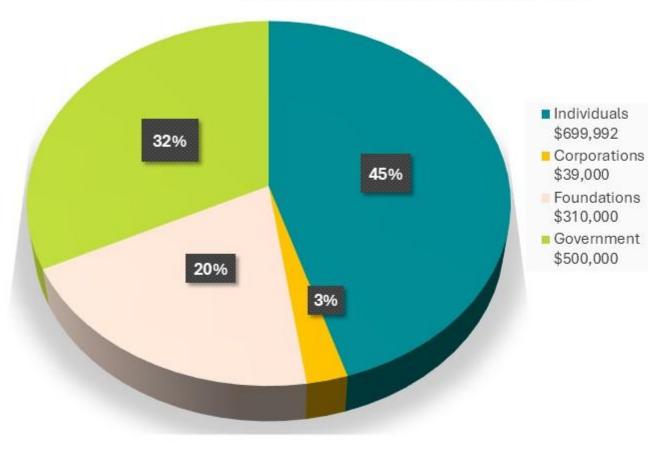
## \$250,000

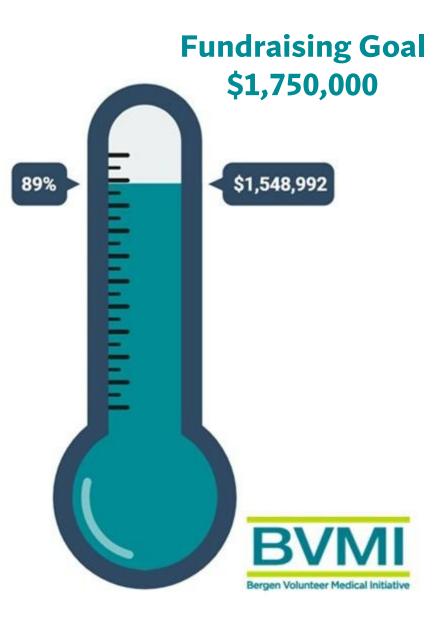
Renovation and construction

# \$100,000

Volunteer and patient recruitment

# Building A BVMI for Tomorrow Campaign Funds Raised: \$1,548,992





# NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

\$1,000,000 Healthcare Center \$500,000 **BVMI** Opportunity Fund Waiting Room NAMED \$200,000 Donor Wall Exam Room Suite \$150,000 Nurse's Station NAMED Volunteer Office \$100,000 Administrative Offices Suite **\$75,000** Nutrition Room \$50,000

Reception	NAMED
Vision Care Center	NAMED
Exam Rooms	\$25,000
Lab	NAMED
Nurse Manager's Office	NAMED
Discharge	NAMED
<b>Consultation Rooms</b>	NAMED
Administrative Offices	\$15,000
Medication Room	NAMED

#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

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