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**LOCAL PHYSICIANS COMMIT TO VOLUNTEERING**

**IN FREE MEDICAL CLINIC**

**Bloomington, Indiana, December 14, 2006**—Sixty local primary care physicians have committed to volunteering in the new free medical clinic known as Volunteers in Medicine when it opens in 2007.

The Volunteers in Medicine clinic, which will be located at 333 E. Miller Drive in the space that currently houses Bloomington Hospital's Community Health Access Program (CHAP), is modeled after a national program that relies on medical and lay volunteers to deliver care to patients.

“Our community should be proud of the wonderful endorsements and continued support from local medical groups and Bloomington Hospital for the Volunteers in Medicine initiative,” said Raj Haddawi, M.D., chairman of the board of directors. “This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to truly make a difference in the lives of thousands of our neighbors who are in need of quality healthcare.”

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**Physicians Volunteer for Volunteers in Medicine/Add One**

The goal of the Volunteers in Medicine clinic is to provide primary and preventive care for acute and chronic illnesses to the estimated 16,000 individuals in Monroe and Owen Counties who lack health insurance and the ability to pay for healthcare services.

“The success of Volunteers in Medicine will be strongly determined by the involvement of our community,” said Eric Bannec, M.D., medical director of the new clinic. “Provider involvement is a crucial component. The more healthcare providers involved, the better our ability to successfully provide free quality healthcare.”

Both working and retired physicians have been quick to respond to the call for volunteers at the clinic.

Family practitioner Rick Schilling, M.D. says he learned from his father and grandfather, longtime Bloomington physicians Dick Schilling and Frank Tourner, that compassion and medicine go hand-in-hand.

“Becoming part of Volunteers in Medicine is just the right thing to do,” said Dr. Schilling, a family practice physician in the Cook Family Medical Center.

When he retired two years ago after 35 years as a family practice physician, James Ray, M.D., knew an opportunity would come along to use his medical skills again.

“I had heard of the first clinic in Hilton Head, South Carolina and I look forward to volunteering in our clinic,” he said. “I believe this will be very worthwhile for our community.”

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**Physicians Volunteer for Volunteers in Medicine/Add Two**

Caitlin Kelly, M.D., a Bloomington internist since 1989, likes the idea of combining the efforts of retired and working physicians—and giving local residents greater access to healthcare.

“There are 46 million Americans without health insurance nationwide,” said Dr. Kelly. “Until we solve this situation on a national level, communities can partially address the problem locally with programs like Volunteers in Medicine.”

Volunteer physicians, along with registered nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers and lay volunteers, will work four-hour shifts in the clinic Monday through Friday. Physicians at Southern Indiana Pediatrics have offered to provide free care in their offices for the children of adults who qualify for care at the Volunteers in Medicine clinic.

More medical and lay volunteers are needed. Physicians and other medical professionals and lay volunteers interested in volunteering in the Volunteers in Medicine clinic should send an email to: [info@VIMMonroeCounty.org](mailto:info@VIMMonroeCounty.org).

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**Other Volunteers in Medicine News:**

- **The first of seven paid positions is currently being filled: Clinic Director and Director of Volunteers.**

**Physician Volunteers**  
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