

Thankful for VIM

To the editor:

Volunteers in Medicine has given me more than I can ever hope to return. As a student volunteer, VIM has provided me the experiences that will shape the kind of physician I hope to become.

VIM allowed me to gain a better appreciation for the amazing people who make up the Bloomington community, as well as the challenges they face. In addition, VIM has allowed me to realize that I want to focus my future medical career on providing care to those less fortunate, giving back to the communities that need it the most.

Health care should be a fundamental human right, and having the opportunity to work alongside professionals who embody that belief has given me hope for the future of American health care. The employees at VIM exhibit a devotion to their patients unlike anything I've seen before, and I can only hope that I'll be able to match their compassion in my own career.

For 10 years, VIM has provided the Bloomington community not only with free, accessible care, but also compassionate care. And I'm immensely thankful that I've been able to participate in that endeavor during my time at Indiana University.

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