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### Allen named fundraising manager for VIM clinic

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Heather Allen has been appointed as fundraising manager for the new Volunteers in Medicine free health clinic, scheduled to open April 23 in Bloomington.

Allen will direct the fundraising efforts of the clinic as a member of the Bloomington Hospital Foundation, which is serving as the fundraising partner for the clinic.

Members of the local medical establishment and nonprofit organizations, including Bloomington Hospital, have worked together to establish the clinic — which will serve the estimated 16,000 residents of Monroe and Owen counties who lack health insurance and the ability to pay for health-care services.

Last fall, VIM established a Founders Campaign to raise \$1.5 million that would enable the clinic to operate for three years. Allen will seek to build on the success of that campaign, which has raised \$800,000 to date.

A graduate of the Indiana University Kelley School of Business, Allen has significant experience working in the nonprofit sector.

She previously worked as resource development director for the United Way of Monroe County and as campaign manager for the United Way of Central Indiana.

“We’re really pleased to have Heather join us in our effort to provide care to the thousands of residents of Monroe and Owen counties who do not have access to medical care,” said Dr. Rajih Haddawi, chairman of the board of directors. “We’re anxious to utilize her fundraising expertise to ensure our clinic can continue to operate in the near and distant future.”

The hospital is a major partner in the VIM clinic, providing the facility, diagnostic testing and inpatient care when necessary.

The new clinic is at 333 E. Miller Drive. Residents may now schedule appointments to become qualified for care in the clinic by calling 353-3533. To make a donation to the Volunteers in Medicine clinic, call 353-9528.

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