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Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI)

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Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI) Awarded COVID-19 Emergency Grants for Crisis Healthcare and New Telemedicine Program

*Funds will help support BVMI's COVID-19 emergency response and recovery to
more than 1,500 uninsured patients in Bergen County*

(Hackensack, NJ) – Today, the Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI) announced a list of organizations, foundations and local corporations that have to date awarded BVMI COVID-19 emergency grants to help fund a new telemedicine initiative and support BVMI's mission to continue to provide free healthcare to uninsured, low-income adults in Bergen County. BVMI's new telemedicine program was created to maintain continuity of care to 1,550 patients during the coronavirus outbreak and will remain as a tool to deliver care going forward.

"In a time of uncertainty, we are very grateful to our supporters during the COVID-19 crisis; these emergency grants have played a major role in helping us to continue providing healthcare to our patients," said Amanda Missey, CEO of BVMI. "We value these partnerships and appreciate their dedication to helping the local Bergen County community at one of our greatest times of need."

Thank you to the following organizations for awarding BVMI COVID-19 emergency grants to date:

Allergan Foundation

BD

BMS

Columbia Bank Foundation/Atlantic Stewardship Bank

The Community Chest

Eisai USA Foundation

Goodnation

The Jin Hua Foundation

The Kaplen Foundation

Korean American Community Foundation

M&T Bank

National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics
The New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund
Northern New Jersey Community Foundation
Provident Bank Foundation
PSE&G
The Russell Berrie Foundation
Valley National Bank
Williams

About BVMI

BVMI provides free primary, preventive, chronic and urgent healthcare to Bergen County adults who work but cannot afford insurance. BVMI is guided by the "Culture of Caring" and believes that how people are treated is as important as the care they receive. With the help and expertise of 150 clinical and non-clinical volunteers, BVMI treated more than 1,500 patients in 9,200 medical visits in 2019. BVMI does not receive payment from patients, reimbursement from insurance companies. The organization mainly relies on contributions from individuals, businesses, community groups and foundations. BVMI Healthcare Center, a state-licensed ambulatory care facility, is located at 75 Essex Street, Hackensack, NJ; [201-342-2478](tel:201-342-2478), www.bvmi.org.

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