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**National Council of Jewish Women-Bergen County Section
Increases Access to Health Care For Medically Uninsured Women**

February 11, 2019 Hackensack, NJ – Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMII) has been awarded a grant from National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section (NCJW BCS). This generous gift will increase access to healthcare for low-income, working women in Bergen County who do not have health insurance.

BVMII has nearly 900 women patients who call BVMII their medical home. In addition to receiving primary care, all women patients receive an annual well-woman exam, with follow-up and treatment as needed. The grant from NCJW BCS will be used to fund the salary of a part-time women's health Nurse Practitioner, which will ensure that women patients at BVMII have timely access to necessary medical care.

NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms. NCJW BCS has been a long-time supporter and advocate for Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative and its patients.

About BVMII

BVMII provides free primary and preventive healthcare to Bergen County adults who work, but cannot afford insurance. BVMII 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 125 volunteers – physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers, dietitians and laypeople – BVMJ treated nearly 1,400 patients during nearly 8,000 medical visits in 2018. BVMJ does not receive payment from patients, reimbursement from insurance companies or support from the government. The organization relies on contributions from individuals, businesses, community groups and foundations. BVMJ Healthcare Center, a state-licensed ambulatory care facility, is located at 75 Essex Street, Hackensack, NJ; 201-342-2478, www.bvmj.org.

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