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# From Dream to Reality



## Anniversary Edition 2008 -2018



In October 1998, Jean Purvis was vacationing in Hilton Head, South Carolina, and saw an ad in the local paper that said, “Thank you for a day of caring —Volunteers in Medicine.” As a doctor’s wife, she became curious and visited the Volunteers In Medicine (VIM) clinic. It was there that she learned about Dr. Jack McConnell and how he founded the first VIM clinic in the country.

Jack McConnell was raised in a poor household with six brothers and sisters by loving parents who taught their family the necessity of caring for those less fortunate. In addition to his parents, Jack was deeply inspired by Dr. Albert Schweitzer, a missionary in Africa. Jack noted that Dr. Schweitzer emphasized to those in health care the need to help those who had no access to health care. An event that impacted the young Dr. McConnell was when he offered some hitchhikers a ride

and learned that they had no health care or access to any medications.

Dr. McConnell’s research found that the same was true for more than a third of those living on Hilton Head Island. Wondering why no one did anything about the problem, he quickly realized that HE should be that someone. Dr. McConnell recruited retired doctors, nurses, and volunteers to provide their services at no charge and eventually raised enough money to build a state-of-the-art clinic which serves thousands of people each year at no cost. Volunteers in Medicine opened on Hilton Head in 1994 and has been such a success that it became a model for 41 other clinics across the country.

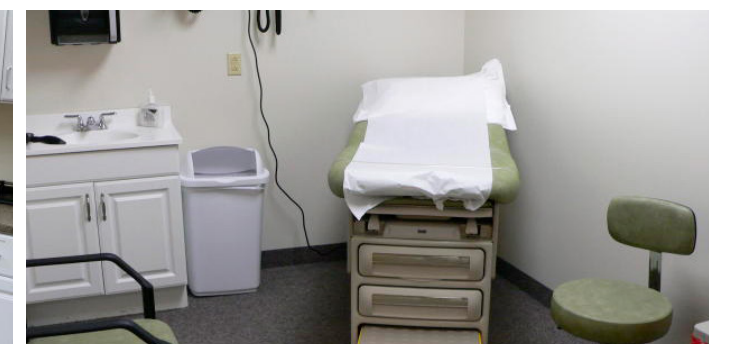
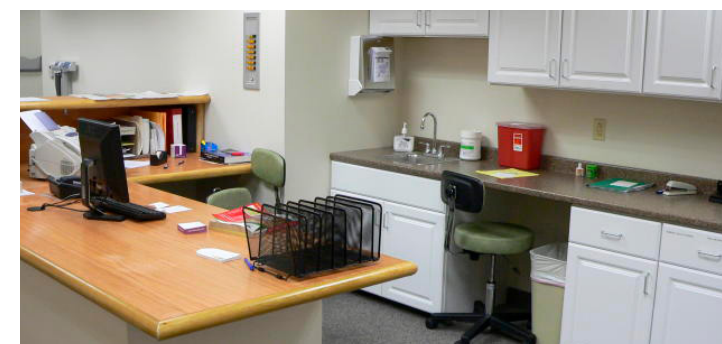
Greatly inspired and motivated by Dr. McConnell’s story and the VIM clinic that she visited in South Carolina, Jean returned home and wasted no time in beginning to make her dream a reality. She contacted longtime friend John Righetti, former vice president of strategic relationship management for Butler Health System, and Dr. Robert McKee. The three became an initial driving force for what was to eventually become the Community Health Clinic of Butler County. Dr. McKee contacted several retired and active physicians and his guidance throughout the beginning stages of planning was invaluable.

Ken Bennett soon joined the team. A newly retired corporate head living in Slippery Rock, Ken brought in a mix of business acumen and community concerns to the table. An incident that impacted Ken was when he met a young woman with a badly swollen jaw caused by an infected wisdom tooth. When he recommended that she have it pulled, she said she couldn’t afford to. This was Ken’s first encounter with the lack of healthcare for so many.



**The Dreamers:** Purvis, Righetti and McKee visited a VIM clinic in Erie and talked with local physicians about what needs existed in our community. They planned to provide surveys to determine the number of uninsured in the community. In their hearts, they knew that at a minimum, a free clinic would stabilize the community’s workforce and improve the general overall health of the public.

- 2002** A survey of Butler County residents determined that nearly 11,000 were without insurance because they couldn’t afford it, they didn’t qualify for medical assistance, or their employers did not offer it.
- 2004** A needs assessment was launched to make interested individuals aware of the practicality of a free clinic and the impact it would have on the community.
- 2006** A letter was sent to various health agencies informing them of a proposed idea of a health clinic in Butler.



“The CHCBC is a very supportive and compassionate place to go.” — Female, 54, Butler City

“Everyone there made me feel like a person, they actually care about your health and well being. It’s like everyone who walks through the door is family.” — Male, 58, Cranberry Twp.



# Feasibility Time Line and First Board of Directors



Current Board Vice President Jim Cunningham who conducted the feasibility study and drove the creation of the first capital campaign.

## Feasibility Time Line

- February 2005** Survey population, survey current services, seek professional volunteers. Determine initial funding.
- March 2005** Develop mission statement and vision statement. Develop statement of need.
- May 2005** Determine funding feasibility. Jim Cunningham voluntarily conducted a feasibility study and the “Opening the Doors” capital campaign.

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# Publicity and Open House



## IT WAS STATEMENTS SUCH AS THESE THAT CRIED OUT NEED FOR A COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC IN BUTLER COUNTY

- Fewer than 60% of people under the age of 65 had employer-sponsored health insurance in 1987.
- People file for bankruptcy at a rate of one every thirty seconds because of medical bills.
- About 18,000 people die prematurely because they lack health insurance.
- The average employment-based family premium rose 87% from 2000 - 2006.
- A February 21, 2008 article by Associated Press noted that total health care spending would double by 2017.



- October 2005** The first meeting of the Organizing Committee for the Community Health Clinic is held.
- November 2005** The Butler Eagle includes a supportive article from John L. Wise
- December 2005** Dave Malarkey of WBUT does a positive interview with Cece Foster, Executive Director.
- January 2006** Post-Gazette North includes a positive article about the Community Health Clinic
- September 2006** A meeting held at Butler Memorial Hospital reviews the business plan and projections for the next twelve months of the CHCBC.
- October 2007** Open house held for contractors and their wives
- November 2007** Open house held for community faith-based and health care services
- December 2007** OSHA walks through the new CHCBC. Phone systems and carpet are installed.
- December 15, 2007** Community Open House – Dedication Ceremony – Despite rain, sleet, and snow, 150 attend the open house and dedication ceremony.
- January 2008** Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell visits CHCBC.
- October 2008** Cece Foster and Fr. Harry Bielewicz present a video about the CHCBC to the Butler Roman Catholic Deanery.
- November 2008** Bus route to CHCBC begins.
- May 2009** First “Walk for Good Health” held --- 250 participants
- June 2009** County of Butler proclaims “Community Health Clinic of Butler County Day”
- March 2010** Editorial in the Butler Eagle notes that the Community Health Clinic’s goal of \$500,000 is possible without hurting other good causes in the community.
- June 2010** An open letter in the Butler Eagle states that the CHCBC is a “godsend.”
- July 2010** “Cheers and Jeers” section of the Butler Eagle praises the dental program with its 12 volunteer dentists, 200 completed fillings and 150 minor extractions. Two oral surgeons are handling more extensive procedures.
- July 2013** The Butler Eagle — “The Community Health Clinic has compiled a remarkable record of meeting the medical needs of people without insurance. That record has spilled over in a positive way to those needing dental care.”
- North Hills Monthly — “A medical miracle”

“I am grateful such an organization like this exists. The people I have encountered at the clinic are kind and caring. The CHCBC provides essential lifesaving services to those in need. The people who work there should be proud of the difference they make each and every day..” — Male, 58, Cranberry Twp.

“I came to CHCBC after I was denied Medical Assistance. Everyone is very kind. It is a place where you can feel comfortable and get good medical care.” — Female, 53, Zelienople



# Honoring Ten Years of Service to the Butler Community 2008-2018

## Contributions

- January 2007** Butler Health System contributed \$200,000 to “Opening New Doors” their special gift campaign. They had previously contributed \$17,000 to cover startup costs including printings, mailings, etc.
- June 2007** The planners had hoped to raise \$750,000 as the base goal, but over \$900,000 had already been raised.
- November 2007** Lion’s Club International Foundation awarded a \$75,000 grant for a comprehensive diabetes care program.
- December 2007** Total raised thus far = \$1,000,553
- July 2008** The Board of Directors of the Community Health Clinic voted to provide leftover building materials to Habitat for Humanity – exemplifying a motto of the clinic, “Neighbors helping Neighbors.”
- May 2011** A weekend faith-based outreach to the local churches resulted in more than \$3000.
- Fiscal 2011** \$589,518 have been received in grants and contributions.
- July 2012** The Community Health Clinic of Butler County received national recognition by the AMA with a grant of \$10,000 to continue diabetic education – only one of fifteen awarded in the US.
- January 2013** Over \$700,000 worth of medications have been obtained for our patients at no cost.
- April 2013** American Medical Association awards a \$10,000 grant to Community Health Clinic.
- May 2014** Pittsburgh Day of Giving, CHCBC received \$8,800 with matching funds of \$2,267
- December 2015** Jim Cunningham named Director of Development.
- September 2017** Area Agency on Aging awards a \$36,000 grant.
- January 2018** John Righetti named Director of Development & Public Relations.
- May 2018** AJ and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust awards a \$75,000 grant.



Larry Hibbs  
Volunteer  
Pharmacist

## Medications and Prescription Assistance Program:

Total Value of Medication Dispensed from  
2008 to 2018: **\$3,377,397.00**

Donna Croft  
& Elaine Read  
PAP Program



## Our Patients:

“Health care professionals are reminded that there is no time limit on patient visits. They are to take as much time as necessary.” — *Board of Directors.*

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| <b>January 15, 2008</b> | The first day that patients were welcomed to the Community Health Clinic of Butler County.                                | <b>April 2014</b> | 98% of patients rated their care at CHCBC as “great” or “good.”   |
| <b>April 2008</b>       | The clinic was averaging twenty five new calls each week. CHCBC was ahead of most clinics in the number of patients seen. | <b>2015</b>       | Top diagnoses: Depression, Hypertension, Anxiety, Tobacco Disorders, Diabetes<br>With CHCBC patients, we saw a 55% drop in ER visits by our patients. |
| <b>September 2008</b>   | Presently treating 700 patients, adding new patients at the rate of 30 per month.   | <b>2016</b>       | More than 6,000 residents have received care at CHCBC   |
| <b>June 2009</b>        | 904 patients have received free health care and medicine during 2200 visits.  | <b>2017</b>       | More than 9,988 residents have received care at CHCBC   |
| <b>January 2009</b>     | <b>First anniversary</b><br>1400 patients, 600 visits   |                   |   |
| <b>December 2009</b>    | 1,071 patients, 2,170 patient visits  |                   |   |
| <b>March 2010</b>       | CHCBC cares for 1,096 patients, 800 visits  |                   |   |
| <b>January 2011</b>     | 1,108 patients  |                   |   |



Beth (Shingleton) Foringer was hired as the Community Health Clinic’s first Case Manager in 2007. As the clinic evolved Beth created a well-organized, comprehensive plan for the volunteers and patients. In 2016, Beth was named Employee of the Year by the Butler Chamber of Commerce for her work at the clinic. In 2017, Beth left her position at the clinic to spend more time with her husband and two children.

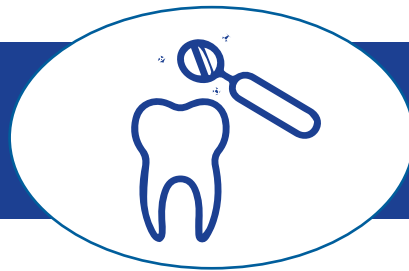
## All Those Who Contributed Services and/or Materials During the Creation of the Community Health Clinic.

*Thanks to 40 contributors and suppliers, the entire construction project cost less than a fourth of the actual cost!*

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# Dental 2008 to 2018



September 2008  
July 2009

The buzz is that the dental program is close to funding  
An article in the Post Gazette explained that in order to acquire a dental program, \$40,000 was needed. "We're a fraction of an inch from getting it off the ground." Cece Foster

July 2009

800 names were already on the waiting list for dental

July 2009

Six dentists have already committed to rotating hours at the Community Health Clinic

November 2009

900 on waiting list

November 2009

**Dental Department opens** — Dr. George Bilowick agrees to be the volunteer dental director

November 2010

More than 900 patients had been treated by the dental department

June 2011

600 more patients had been treated since the first of the year

June 2016

The Dental Department is serving Veterans without dental insurance and Slippery Rock University students with emergencies or without family financial support.

**A special thank you to the Volunteer Dentists of CHCBC Dental Office. Over the past 9 years, \$1.2 million dollars in dental services have been provided and over 3,000 hours donated to the Clinic.**

Dr. George Bilowick, Director  
Dr. Snjezana Bagic  
Dr. Richard Bonnett  
Dr. Donald Brockley

Dr. Robert Fornalczyk  
Dr. Colleen Gottuso  
Dr. Jeffrey Hitchan  
Dr. John Keelan

Dr. Dennis Keyes  
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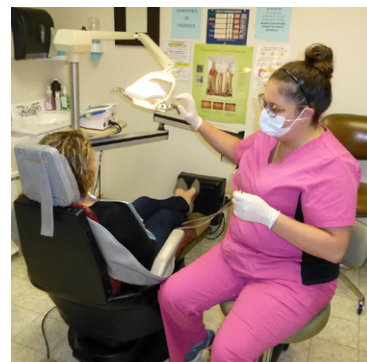
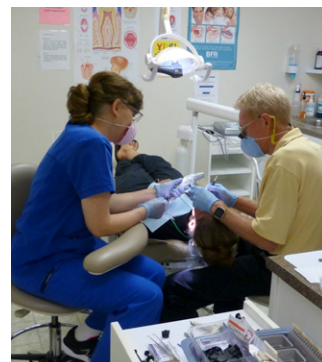
Dr. James Rathfon  
Dr. Aletta Swart  
Dr. Robert Todd  
Dr. Timothy Weber



Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

In 2010, Quad County partnered with CHCBC to see dental patients.

James P. Miller, D.M.D.  
Jeffrey P. Miller, D.M.D., M.D., M.P.H.  
Mohammed A. Khan, D.D.S., M.D.  
Lawrence D. Kiselica, D.D.S.



Dr. Bilowick has been the Dental Director here at the Clinic since the opening of the Dental Department in October 2009 until his retirement from the Clinic on May 30, 2018. Dr. Bilowick has volunteered over 1,555 hours.

# Health and Wellness Education

# Diabetic Education

## Health & Wellness Education Classes by Linda Reichart, RN, CDE Carol Landis, Dietitian

- Pre-Diabetes Prevention
- Diabetes Management
- Understanding Your Medication
- Managing Sick Days with Diabetes
- Carbohydrate Counting
- Healthy Eating
- Healthy Eating for Weight Loss
- Super Market Savvy
- Weight Loss (6 Week Program)
- Eating to bring down your Cholesterol
- Eating Healthy with COPD
- Diabetes Total Care (Online)
- Stress and Staying Calm
- High Blood Pressure
- Smoking Cessation (5 Week Program)
- How to Help Prevent Heart Disease At Any Age!



"The CHCBC is one of the great unknown treasures of the Butler Area. Without them I would have no medical or dental care. With them I have everything I need. And P.S., the dental is the best I've received!" — Female, 60, Butler Twp

"Linda was always there to answer any questions or needs with my diabetes." — Female, 45, Butler City



# Our Staff and Volunteers

Both Current and Past

# Thank you for your Service

“Volunteers are love in motion.” — *Author Unknown*

57,532  
Hours  
Volunteered



## Volunteers from 2007 - 2018

- The first volunteer training was held on January 8, 2008 by Beth (Shingleton) Foringer.
- By September 2008, there were 83 volunteers.

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.” — *Author Unknown*



# Our Newly-Focused Mission and Vision Statements

To provide primary integrated healthcare services for neighbors in Butler County and surrounding communities.

## Current Staff

### Clinic Staff

Executive Director - Kimberly Reamer  
Director of Case Management - Linda Thoma  
Director of Development and  
Public Relations - John Righetti  
Office Manager - Julie Fitzpatrick  
Administrative Assistant - Terri Edgar

### Medical Staff

Medical Director - Dr. Michele Mikolajczak, D.O.  
Nurse Practitioner - Chris Cassioli, CRNP  
Diabetic Nurse Educator - Linda Reichart, R.N.  
Volunteer Dietitian - Carol Landis  
Behavioral Health - Mandy Claypoole, PA  
Volunteer Pharmacist - Larry Hibbs, RPH

### Dental Staff

Interim Dental Director – Linda Thoma  
Dental Coordinator - Jo Anderson, EFDA  
Dental Hygienist - Lauren Dowling, RDH

## Core Values

### To be an ethical organization –

We are consistently honest in our communication and reliable in our actions. We allocate our donors' gifts to their best advantage.

### To respect our patients, staff and volunteers –

We are nonjudgmental, supportive and compassionate.

### To strive for excellence –

We give our very best effort in our clinical and all supporting functional areas.

### To facilitate hope and healing –

We listen and utilize all available community resources to help our patients achieve optimal functioning.

## Fundraising

Chris Fennimore  
of WQED Cooks.  
*Sixth Annual  
Signature Sensations*



November 3, 2018

A Community  
Tribute to  
Jean B. Purvis



May 20, 2016

Dr. Reefer  
First recipient of the  
Jean B. Purvis  
Community  
Cornerstone Award



June 16, 2017

Larry Berg  
Second recipient of the  
Jean B. Purvis  
Community  
Cornerstone Award



June 15, 2018

As the Community Health Clinic ponders the last ten years, we excitedly look to the future and our impact on Butler and surrounding communities. We will serve as a vital link in the local healthcare network by providing skilled and compassionate medical and dental care as we partner with other community resources to facilitate healing and hope for those who seek our help.

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