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VIM CLOSES 2007 WITH 61 CLINICS NATIONWIDE

National Network of Free Health Care Clinics Relies on Retired Medical Personnel to Provide Services to the Uninsured

Burlington, VT (January 16, 2008) Volunteers in Medicine (VIM), the national non-profit organization dedicated to providing health care to the uninsured of our country, announced today that it had added eleven new clinics to its roster in 2007. With only nine clinics operating in 1997, VIM has achieved an 85% percent growth over the last ten years.

The vast majority of VIM patients work; many are immigrants in low-wage jobs. The incredible growth of VIM speaks not only to the dedicated volunteers in the over 20 states that have established clinics to serve their communities, but to the escalating number of uninsured. According to Families USA, 89.6 million people under the age of 65 in the United States went without health insurance for all or part of the two-year period 2006-2007. The escalation is primarily in the non-elderly population with both diminishing employer coverage and the spiraling cost of health insurance being the main contributors.

Volunteers in Medicine hit another landmark in 2007, when, with the support of the Cardinal Health Foundation, AARP, and Small Business California, they held their first national conference. Representatives from their national network of clinics gathered in Washington D.C. to share their expertise and expand their knowledge on issues critical to their operations. Bill Shore, founder of Share our Strength; Dr. Edward O'Neil, Jr., founder and president of Omni Med; and Drs. John E. Castaldo and Lawrence P. Levitt, co-authors of "The Man with the Iron

Tattoo and Other True Tales of Uncommon Wisdom” were among the keynote speakers of this historical event.

Retired medical personnel are the foundation and the backbone of the VIM clinic movement. With an estimated 250,000 retired physicians and 350,000 retired nurses in our country, VIM clinics are expected to grow significantly in 2008.

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About Volunteers in Medicine

Volunteers in Medicine is a national network of 61 free health care clinics in 20 states that emphasizes the use of retired health care professionals to care for the uninsured. VIM clinics are community owned, funded, and operated -- providing a local solution to a national problem. For more information about Volunteers in Medicine, please visit www.vimi.org or contact us at (802) 651-0112.