

YOUR FAMILY'S HEALTH IS OUR PRIORITY

# Annual Update

Battenkill Valley Health Center | Fiscal Year 2023



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# Our *Leadership*

Friends of Battenkill Valley Health Center -

As we near the end of our ninth year as Bennington County's only federally qualified health center, we remain committed to our mission. Our hope is that the information included here will be helpful in gaining a better understanding of BVHC's work, both at the health center and in the community.



BVHC's patients are your neighbors, your family, your friends, your colleagues. On behalf of the board of directors, and the administrative and clinical teams, we thank you for taking the time to learn more about your community health center.

Kayla Davis, MSW and Anje Van Berckelaer, MD, MS  
Co-Executive Directors

## Mission

To provide compassionate, comprehensive, affordable healthcare.

## Values

We believe the following value statements are essential to our mission.

**Comprehensive Care:** Treating the whole person throughout all stages of life has a positive, long-term impact on individuals, families, and communities.

**Employee Well-being:** We invest in our employees by providing learning and training opportunities that make BVHC an employer of choice and joyful place to work.

**Equal Access:** Every person, regardless of their ability to pay, has the right to receive high-quality, reliable, and confidential healthcare.

**Excellence:** We strive for excellence in all aspects of our healthcare.

**Integrity:** We demonstrate compassion and empathy recognizing the individuality of our patients. We employ the highest ethical standards that include honesty and fairness.

**Partnership:** The BVHC team establishes partnerships that enhance our communities.



*Our 18 Church Street office houses three exam rooms, a small lab, and a waiting room with resources for patients.*

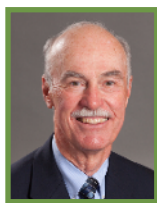
*Board approved on December 16, 2021*

BVHC's Board of Directors is comprised of devoted individuals who volunteer their time and energy to provide the Center with ongoing guidance and vision. The majority of our Board members are BVHC patients, so their leadership reflects the interests, issues, and concerns of the people we serve. The Board of Directors is vested with ultimate responsibility for the fiduciary management of BVHC and to ensure that the Battenkill Valley Health Center fulfills its mission.

## Our Board



### Board of Directors in 2023



**Brian Cunningham, MD, Chair (2015) Bennington, VT** - spent 36 years at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center as an internist. He is a faculty member at the Department of Medicine Residence Program at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, MA.



**Peter King, MD, Vice-Chair (2015) Shaftsbury, VT** - was the director of the Bennington VA Clinic from 1997-2015. Practicing primary care, Dr. King has a special interest in long-term care of older adults.



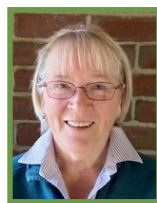
**Carol Loeffler Gottlieb, Secretary (2021) Dorset, VT** - has worked in the world of psychology for more than 30 years. Since 1995, Carol has been conducting individual, marital, and family psychotherapy through her private practice.



**Thomas Lenkowski, Treasurer (2022) Pownal, VT** - spent the majority of his 44+ year career as a chief financial officer for various health systems in VT, MA, and NH. Tom is proudly involved with many local organizations.



**James Blanchard (2019) Arlington, VT** - has served southern Vermont as a member of law enforcement since 2004. He currently holds the rank of Sergeant with the Manchester Police Department.



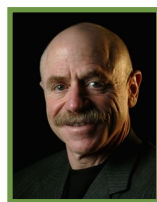
**Christine Bongartz (2020) Manchester, VT** - worked for the Vermont Department of Health for 32 years collaborating with community partners to improve health outcomes throughout Bennington County.



**Mary Ann Carlson (2010) Arlington, VT** - is currently a self-employed psychotherapist and Reiki Master Teacher and practitioner. Previously, she worked as a Clinical Psychologist for children and their families for 14 years.



**Carol Kirkland, (2017) Arlington, VT** - is a retired instructor from Penn State University where she taught courses in statistics and quantitative business methods.



**Russ Leslie (2018) Shaftsbury, VT** - is the co-founder and retired associate director of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Lighting Research Center and Professor Emeritus of Architecture at Rensselaer.



**James Martinez (2021) Hoosick Falls, NY** - began his banking career in 1987, and since 2000, has served as the President of Tri State Area Federal Credit Union overseeing nearly \$40MM in assets.





# Our Services

## Primary & Preventive Care

Primary medical care is at the heart of what we do. If you are healthy, we can help you stay that way. If you are sick, we can treat you. It is our priority to provide a safe and comfortable environment for patients to talk about confidential concerns.

## General Dentistry

At BVHC, we believe that good oral health not only improves a person's ability to speak, smile, chew, and taste foods but also helps to improve overall health. From cleanings to restorative care, BVHC provides general dentistry to patients starting at age one in four state-of-the-art dental operatories.

## Counseling Services

We offer mental health counseling to children, adolescents, adults, and families in both individual and group settings. Our substance use disorder team works with adults who wish to treat opioid use disorder with medication and comprehensive recovery support.

## Nurse Case Management

Nurse case managers oversee transitional care for BVHC patients. Working as a team to ensure quality care post hospitalization, nurse case managers ensure patients are following their care plan to help them meet their healthcare goals.

## Nutritional Counseling

Providing patients with valuable dietary skills to lead a healthy lifestyle, our nutritionist offers ideas to help patients make healthy food choices. Patients can learn how to cook delicious, healthy meals for themselves and their families in the on-site teaching kitchen.



During National Health Center Week, observed every August, we honor the patients we serve, we salute our dedicated staff, and we celebrate the amazing work we do in the communities we serve.







## Sliding Fee Program

The Sliding Fee Program is a federally funded program that provides a discount to patients who are uninsured or under-insured. This program allows qualifying patients to receive medical, counseling, and/or qualifying dental services at BVHC at a discounted rate. There is a minimum co-payment due at the time of service for all discounted services received.

Federal guidelines require BVHC to take household size and income into consideration when determining an applicant's eligibility. Patients can apply anytime, and if approved for the program, patients are required to renew their application every six months. If a patient is not approved for the program, they are encouraged to contact BVHC if they have a significant change in income or family size to reapply.

## Patient-Centered Medical Home

As a patient-centered medical home, Battenkill Valley Health Center is dedicated to improving and managing the health of the people we serve by providing quality health care and related social services that promote access, treatment, education, and prevention regardless of health, economic, or insurance status.



## Communities Where Our Patients Live

**Vermont:** Arlington, Barre, Bellows Falls, Bennington, Bondville, Brattleboro, Burlington, Chester, Danby, Dorset, East Arlington, East Dorset, Fair Haven, Grafton, Hartland, Hinesburg, Jamaica, Landgrove, Londonderry, Ludlow, Lyndon, Manchester, Manchester Center, Marlboro, Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, Newfane, North Bennington, North Pownal, Pawlet, Peru, Plymouth, Poultney, Pownal, Putney, Randolph, Readsboro, Rockville, Rupert, Rutland, Sandgate, Shaftsbury, South Londonderry, South Wallingford, Springfield, St. Albans, Stamford, Stratton Mountain, Sunderland, Tinmouth, Townshend, Wallingford, Wardsboro, Wells, Westford, West Dover, West Pawlet, West Rupert, Westminster, Weston, Whitingham, Wilmington, Windham, Winhall, Winooski, and Woodford.

**Massachusetts:** Dalton, Greenfield, Hinsdale, Lenox, North Adams, Pittsfield, and Williamstown.

**New York:** Albany, Argyle, Buskirk, Cambridge, Cherry Plains, Eagle Bridge, Glenville, Granville, Greenwich, Hoosick Falls, Ithaca, Johnsonville, North Petersburg, Petersburg, Salem, Saratoga Springs, Schuylerville, Shushan, Troy, Valley Falls, Waterford, and White Creek.





# Our Providers



Battenkill Valley Health Center providers know and care about the patients they serve. Whether a patient is seen once a year or once a week, they are valued and involved in their healthcare plan. Providing care on a daily basis, our medical team is committed to our patients, helping to create a healthier community for us all. We are excited for the road ahead, and we look forward to delivering care to patients of all ages, throughout all stages of life.



**Anje Van Berckelaer, MD, MS (Dr. Van)** provides primary health care services to patients of all ages and has served as BVHC's Clinical Director since March, 2017. Dr. Van received her early education at Université Paul Valéry in Montpellier, France and then received a B.A. in Anthropology from Yale University. After earning her Doctorate of Medicine from Harvard Medical School in 2004, Dr. Van spent time as a Physician Supervisor with Doctors Without Borders providing direct pediatric and adult inpatient care. In 2010, Dr. Van went on to complete her Masters in Health Policy Research from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Van speaks English, French, Spanish, and Dutch.



**Mary Katherine (Kate) Howard, MD** received her undergraduate education from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and her medical degree from the University of Arkansas, Little Rock. Board certified in family medicine, she has been providing direct patient care to patients of all ages since 2010. With a special interest in helping patients manage their chronic illnesses, Dr. Howard enjoys providing care to patients in all stages of life and appreciates that the field of family medicine allows her to develop relationships with patients, achieving healthy outcomes that benefit the entire family. Dr. Howard joined the BVHC team in May, 2019.



**Jeremy Clover, DMD** received his Bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University in 2011 and his DMD from Tufts University's School of Dental Medicine in 2015. He spent five years providing care to patients in southern Vermont at a private practice before joining the BVHC team in February, 2021. Dr. Clover and his team host fourth year students from the University of New England's Dental School for 13-week-long rotations.



**Corey Bell, Family Nurse Practitioner**, began his nursing career in 2010 at Bennington Health and Rehabilitation in Bennington, VT. In 2018, he graduated from the Science of Nursing Master's program at Frontier University, and subsequently received his post-graduate certification as an FNP. Corey then joined Planned Parenthood of Greater New York and of Northern New England. During his time at Planned Parenthood, Corey was responsible for preventive and episodic care related to sexual and reproductive health, including primary care services, management of depression and anxiety, and gender-affirming care. Corey joined the BVHC team in July, 2021.





# Our Providers



**Melissa Prouty, Family Nurse Practitioner**, graduated from Duquesne University's Science of Nursing Master's program and has since dedicated more than 20 years to the healthcare field. Melissa began her nursing career at Bennington Area Home Health, growing the hospice program and guiding the agency through its initial Medicare survey for the hospice program. Since earning her certification as a Nurse Practitioner and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in 2010, Melissa has worked in various care settings providing preventive care, disease management, and diagnostics to patients across the lifespan. Melissa joined BVHC in August, 2022 and continues to work with hospice.



**Kelly Davis, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner**, obtained her undergraduate degree from Samaritan School of Nursing and her Master's degree from Regis College. After spending 26 years as a registered nurse with Southwestern Vermont Medical Center's Women's and Children's Services, she transitioned to Nurse Case Manager with the Vermont Blueprint for Health. In this role, Kelly provided care to patients engaged in treatment for substance use disorders for seven years. During that time, she saw the need for mental health providers. Kelly joined the BVHC team in October 2019 and is trained to provide medication management to patients across the lifespan.



**Jim Picone, Physician Assistant**, began his career in healthcare in 1990 working in the Emergency Room at Central Vermont Medical Center. Since completing the Physician Assistant (PA) Program at the University of Iowa, Jim has worked extensively as a PA in both primary and orthopedic offices in Vermont and New Hampshire.

Jim joined BVHC in September, 2022. He enjoys sharing his love of the outdoors with his patients, cultivating active lifestyles to promote healthy living with patients of all ages.



**Leigh Ullman, LICSW**, obtained his undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University followed by his Master's in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. Leigh began his career as a child welfare worker in Kenosha, WI where he spent three years conducting child abuse and neglect investigations. For the next six years, he provided short-term individual and group therapy to patients at an in-patient psychiatric hospital. He has trained extensively in trauma treatment and has developed trauma-informed care programs for various agencies. Leigh is also trained in Dialectical Behavior Therapy and joined the BVHC team in August, 2021.



**Kiana Gates, LICSW, PMH-C**, obtained her Bachelor's of Social Work (BSW) from Castleton University followed by her Master's in Social Work (MSW) from Columbia University, where she concentrated in the areas of health, mental health, and disabilities. Kiana has a very diverse skill set and has experience providing therapy to children, teenagers, and adults. She is trained extensively in perinatal mental health and interpersonal psychotherapy and is certified in perinatal mental health (PMH-C). Kiana does extensive work with Postpartum Support International, and is a Vermont board member and helpline volunteer. Kiana joined the BVHC team in February, 2023.





# Our Numbers

**5** medical providers

**9** medical support staff

**5** dental support staff

**1** dental provider

**3** mental health providers

BVHC has always been prudent regarding its expenses, capitalizing on opportunities to reinvest and save for the future as we continue to expand. We are dedicated to the patients we serve, improving health outcomes to create healthier communities for all. We look to the days ahead with ambition and hope to meet the ever changing needs of our patients.

## Assets

### Current Assets

Cash	2,501,553
Patient accounts receivable, net	286,398
Grants receivable	172,350
Due from third-party payers	318,583
Other current assets	<u>29,559</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$3,308,443</b>

Property and Equipment, net 1,962,125

**Total Assets \$5,270,568**

## Liabilities & Net Assets

### Current Liabilities

Accounts payable & accrued expenses	93,936
Accrued salaries & related expenses	233,275
Deferred revenue	111,060
Long-Term Debt	<u>598,543</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,036,814</b>

### Net Assets

Unrestricted & restricted 4,233,754

**Total Liabilities & Net Assets \$5,270,568**

**4,085**  
unique patients



come from 108 towns –  
**66** • **23** • **7** • **12**  
in VT in NY in MA other

**15.5%**  
of our patients are under 18

**59.1%**  
of our patients are 18-64

**25.4%**  
of our patients are over 65

Our oldest patient turns  
**105**  
this year!

"In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Battenkill Valley Health Center, Inc. as of June 30, 2023, and the results of its operations, changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. In addition, the Organization complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2023."

- BerryDunn, CPAs and Consultants | October 26, 2023



# Our Numbers



## Statement of Operations

Operating Revenue	
Patient service revenue	2,378,441
Grants, contracts, and contributions	2,348,881
Other operating revenue	40,638
Net assests released from restriction	<u>7,462</u>
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,775,422</b>
Operating Expenses	
Salaries and wages	2,732,630
Employee benefits	634,559
Contracted services	281,902
Other operating expenses	592,268
Depreciation	128,593
Interest expense	<u>21,911</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,391,863</b>
 <b>Excess of Revenue Over Expenses</b>	 <b>\$383,559</b>

**16,063**  
patient visits



*types of visits*

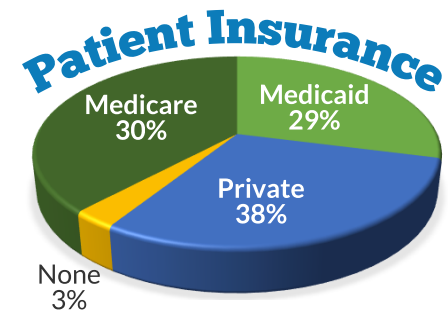
**3,789**  
behavioral  
health

**3,401**  
dental

**8,873**  
medical



**1,765**  
telehealth  
visits



**2,958**  
patients use  
the patient portal



## Weekly Newsletter

Providing resources & health education for you & our community.

Our digital mailing list continues to grow and is a great way for us to communicate information pertinent to those who read it. If you are interested in joining our growing list, email Kate at [KateBryan@bvhcvt.org](mailto:KateBryan@bvhcvt.org)!

**1,736**  
subscribers



**59**  
email updates  
sent

**49.3%**  
open  
rate



## Addressing Food Insecurity

**1,681**  
Veggie Van Go  
bags have been  
distributed



**4,635**  
pounds of food  
provided by  
Hannah's Pantry

**10**  
donors to  
Hannah's Pantry



**167**  
volunteer  
hours

BVHC is a proud partner of the Vermont Foodbank, and through their Veggie Van Go program, we provide fresh fruits and vegetables to those who live and/or work in Arlington, Sandgate, and Sunderland. In addition, with the support of the Arlington Food Shelf and generous donors, food and personal hygiene items are available to patients in need in our waiting rooms through Hannah's Pantry.





# Our Supporters

## Annual Giving 2022-2023

Gifts received July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Anonymous (10)  
*in memory of Phil Underhill (1)*  
 John and Karen Ahearn  
 Arlington Deli Inc.  
 Sally and Jim Ayrey  
 Jessica <sup>E</sup> and Nate Bachiochi  
 Dick Bailey  
 Elizabeth K. Baker  
 Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Bandman  
 Terry Beach  
*in honor of Bob Poblocki*  
 Sarah Beebe  
 Jamie <sup>B</sup> and Cat <sup>C</sup> Blanchard  
*in honor of Bob Poblocki*  
 Nelson and Debbie Blanchard  
*in honor of Cat & Jamie Blanchard*  
 Raymond G. Bolton  
 Seth and Chris <sup>B</sup> Bongartz  
 Dr. and Mrs. Michael Brady  
 Bill and Judy Bryan  
*in honor of Bob Poblocki*  
 Kate Bryan <sup>E</sup> and Eric Zalewski  
 Bill and Bebe Bullock  
 Joe and Laura Carabello  
 Mary Ann Carlson <sup>B</sup>  
 George and Pat Carpenter  
 Ken and Lila Cestone  
 Nick and Liz Charest  
*in honor of Bob Poblocki*

Amanda Jill Clemence &  
 Bruce Muscanell  
 Marc and Dee Colety  
 Roger and Anne Cooper  
 Crae Printing/Ed & Connie Messer  
 Dr. Mardi Crane-Godreau &  
 Mr. Albert Crane  
 Christina Crawford <sup>E</sup>  
 Brian and Jan Cunningham  
 Deborah Cunningham &  
 John Stauffer  
 Kayla Davis <sup>E</sup>  
 Kelly <sup>E</sup> and Dan Davis  
 Melissa L. Davis  
 Mary DeRosa  
 Mitchell and Jacqueline DeRosa  
 Linda and William Drunsic  
 Stu and Shelli DuBoff  
 Perez and Elizabeth Ehrich  
 Alexandra Ernst and Garret Siegel  
 Carol and Mike Farley  
 Mary Lou Flynn  
*in honor of the great staff at BVHC*  
 Jean S. Freebern  
 Sandra P. Frost  
*in honor of Lindsay Sherman*  
 Dawn George <sup>E</sup>  
 Cailin Goldberg-Meehan  
 Carol <sup>B</sup> and Arnie Gottlieb

Thomas and Barbara Gross  
*in honor of Dr. Van Berckelaer*  
 Alyson Grzyb  
 Bob and Mary Guare  
 Marian Hackett  
 Carolyn Harvey  
 Avis and Jim Hayden  
 Glen Hayden  
 William G. Henry  
 Megan <sup>B</sup> and Joshua Herrington  
 Terri <sup>E</sup> and Jeff Hirsch  
 Janet <sup>E</sup> and Don Hollner  
 Mr. James & Dr. Kathryn Hourdequin  
 Cora May and Robert Howe  
 Wendy James & Howard Itzkowitz  
 William T. Jerome  
 Keelan Family Foundation  
 Don and Nancy Kendall  
 Peter King <sup>B</sup> and Dawn Dayton

Carol Kirkland <sup>B</sup>  
 Rich and Howie Lederer  
 Thomas <sup>B</sup> & Sharyl Lenkowski  
 Russ <sup>B</sup> and Janice Leslie  
 Kevin Lynch  
 Mack Group Charitable Fund  
 Ms. Dolores K. Mahlmann  
*in honor of Katie Bryan*  
 Jim Martinez <sup>B</sup> &  
 Paula Kamperman  
 James McCabe  
 Bruce McDonald



B - Board Member | C - Committee Member | E - Employee | V - Volunteer

## Community Outreach

BVHC's Community Outreach & Education Program is supported in part by grants from Northeast Delta Dental and Stewart's Shops.



68

overall health  
goody bags to  
AMHS middle schoolers



handed out

3,364

toothbrushes

27

health presentations  
in schools and daycares



25  
active community  
partners



# Our Supporters



## Gifts to support



Arlington Food Shelf  
Joe and Laura Carabello  
Patricia Carabello  
Vincent Carabello  
Irving Tissue  
Holland & Knight Foundation  
Art and Margo McKenna  
Donna and Harry Pickering  
Vermont Foodbank  
Peter Weissberg



The Richards Group  
Southwestern Vermont Health  
Spivey Lemonik Swenor PC  
Tyler Electric - Security  
Wadsworth Company, LLC.  
C.L. White Glass, Inc.  
H.N. Williams Store

Philip and June Sherwin  
Victoria Silsby  
Doug and Joyce Snow  
Lee and Janice Spivey  
Tri State Area Federal Credit Union  
David Watkins & Mary Anne Holmes  
Charles and Charlene Webster  
Dr. and Mrs. Michael J. Welther<sup>E</sup>  
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Ramunto's - Arlington & Bennington  
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Bob and Alice Pezzulich  
Harry and Donna Pickering  
Bob Poblocki  
Melissa Prouty, FNP<sup>E</sup>  
Dan and Tammie Reilly  
Dr. and Mrs. Scott Rogge  
Cristin Rose  
Lawrence and Joan Rowe  
Shea Family Funeral Homes  
Claudia Shell-Raposa &  
Jim Raposa  
Dr. Joshua Sherman &  
Ms. Carolyn Blitz

JW Leadership Consulting  
GSS Fire Extinguishers, LLC.  
GVH Studio, Inc.  
Hannah's Pantry  
Hayden Plumbing & Heating, Inc.  
High-Tech Plumbing & Heating  
Keelan Family Foundation  
Lundgren Subaru of Bennington  
M & T Bank: People's United  
Mack Molding Company  
Mahar and Son Funeral Home

Brian and Jennifer McKenna  
Ron and Elaine Mensh  
Torrie Meringolo  
Keith and Patty Michl  
Charles and Rebecca Moore  
Robert & Ann Newburger Fdn  
Irene Novotny & Don Brown  
Joseph<sup>B</sup> and Sandra O'Dea  
June<sup>E</sup> and Tony Onorato



## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

presented by ReArch Company | 9.20.23

*Over \$19,000 was raised to support program and service expansion.*

John and Karen Ahern  
Avocado Pit -  
Bennington & Manchester  
BerryDunn  
Cat Blanchard<sup>C, V</sup>  
Chris<sup>B</sup> and Seth Bongartz  
Scott Bourhill Builders, LLC.  
Judy Bryan<sup>V</sup>  
Buck Stop - North and South  
Joseph and Laura Carabello  
Mary Ann Carlson<sup>B, V</sup>



# Our *Partners*

The Vermont Blueprint for Health is a state-led, nationally recognized initiative that helps healthcare providers meet the medical and social needs of people in their communities.



**Nurse Case Manager - Jessica Bachiochi, RN, BSN** oversees transitional care for BVHC patients and those with chronic conditions including diabetes and hypertension.

Jessica works with BVHC transitional care patients, their family members, primary care providers, and a wide range of community resources post-hospitalization. She follows up with high-risk chronic care patients to ensure they are following their care plan and utilizing available Blueprint services



**Dietitian - Rachel Rodney, MS, RD, CDE** provides patients with valuable dietary skills to lead a healthy lifestyle.

During a patient visit, Rachel learns about the patient's current diet and offers ideas to help them make healthy food choices moving forward and utilizes the community teaching kitchen where patients learn hands-on how to prepare and cook delicious, healthy meals.



**Jill Egbert, LICSW** provides on-site, short-term behavioral health and substance abuse counseling to BVHC patients during stressful times. During their visit with Jill, patients begin to gain control of their emotional and behavioral needs, and they determine together the need for further assistance.

Long-term care needs are met through referrals to our full-time practitioners or one of the many organizations like United Counseling Services, which BVHC partners with to ensure the highest quality care possible for our patients.



UNIVERSITY OF  
NEW ENGLAND  
College of Dental Medicine

As part of their training, fourth year student dentists from the University of New England College of Dental Medicine spend time working and learning from practicing dentists. These students have been chosen as they have met all school guidelines proving they are clinically ready to be providing care to patients in outpatient settings.

Dr. Clover and his team host externs for 13-week-long rotations. During that time, Dr. Clover provides guidance and training students.

Since our partnership began in 2017, BVHC has welcomed 15 externs.



*BVHC partners with area schools and daycares to provide oral assessments and health education to our youngest residents.*

*Here, a UNE extern shows that dental tools aren't all that scary.*



# Our Partners



Each year, BVHC staff donates Christmas gifts to local children in need through the all-volunteer Red Stocking Program.



BVHC celebrates Children's Oral Health Month by distributing oral health tools and education to area schools.



BVHC provides toothbrushes to the Bennington Police Department for their Copsicle program.

## Additional Community Collaborations ~ Strengthening our communities by improving the health of all of our neighbors.

**Arlington Area Childcare** - BVHC dental team has provided our youngest citizens with oral assessments and activities to encourage oral health and wellness.

**Arlington Common** - Working together to promote health and wellness, through free or reduced cost exercise classes.

**Arlington Food Shelf** - Resource for those in need; staff members donate time and food to this important organization.

**Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Services** - Provides BVHC with grant funding to use as needed; continues to be a resource for patients in need of financial assistance in regards to their health and well-being.

**Arlington School District** - BVHC providers have presented at faculty meetings and visited classrooms to offer assistance on health related topics.

**Mack Molding** - BVHC dental team has provided Mack Molding employees with oral assessments and education about their dental benefits; expanded hours to meet the needs of working patients.

**Southwestern Vermont Medical Center** - We have a referral agreement in place for medical services, and SVMC provides dental peer review and coverage.



At the Arlington Village Farmers' Market, we have the chance to meet with families from all over Bennington County, providing parents with health education and creating teaching opportunities through activities with their children.



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