

# THE PATIENT'S NAVIGATOR

Spring, 2019  
Access Now - a program of the Richmond Academy of Medicine



Total number of patients  
seen since Access Now  
began  
14,390



Total current number of  
specialty care volunteers  
1,000



Total reported value of  
donated care since Access  
Now began  
\$47 million

## These Physicians Got Fashion!



For the sixth year, the RAM Alliance Foundation presented its popular **Physicians Got Fashion** fundraising event. 2019 was better than ever!

Held May 4 at the Hippodrome Theater, two dozen Richmond physicians strutted their stuff on the runway, and dozens of attendees bid in silent and live auctions, all to support **Access Now**.

**Thank you** to everyone who made the event possible, especially our brave and talented models, and to the retailers who dressed them for the event. Access Now especially

wants to thank the models who also donate their time to our patients. They include:

**Dr. Susan Prizzia**, Commonwealth Radiology  
**Dr. Jeffrey LaFond**, Gastrointestinal Specialists  
**Dr. John Sentz**, Pulmonary Associates of Richmond  
**Dr. Alex Vaclavik**, Virginia Women's Center  
**Dr. Ryan Robertson**, OrthoVirginia  
**Dr. Andrew Colhoun**, Virginia Urology  
**Dr. Sundeep Deorah**, Virginia Urology  
**Dr. Rachna Raman**, Bon Secours Cancer Institute  
**Dr. John Turner**, Commonwealth Laboratory Specialists  
**Dr. Nicole Langelier**, Virginia Eye Institute  
**Dr. David Gilligan**, Virginia Cardiovascular Specialists  
**Dr. Kelley von Elten**, Richmond Allergy & Asthma Specialists  
**Dr. Krista Edelman**, Richmond Gastroenterology Associates  
**Dr. James Khatcheressian**, Virginia Cancer Institute  
**Dr. Randal West**, Women's Cancer and Wellness Institute

[Click here for more photos](#) from Physicians Got Fashion.

The evening's master of ceremonies **Susan Winiacki**, editorial director of Richmond Magazine, said, "Fierce runway walks from the doctors and a fierce commitment to all of RAMA's initiatives by the planning committee make this such a memorable evening, not to mention all the laughs shared back stage as folks readied for the show."

Access Now staff members Talisha Williams, Evelyn Valencia and Sanchita Dasgupta enjoyed meeting donors and physicians at the Physicians Got Fashion event.



(photo: Anna Wong)

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## Caring for a Caregiver

**Sherry Banks** stays busy helping to care for relatives. She couldn't let health conditions sideline her. She's grateful for the care she's received from Access Now for a variety of ailments, including a heart attack and an ulcer. But mostly, she appreciates how she's been treated by our staff and her physicians. "I treasure the love the people have shown me over the years. It means so much when you have nothing. It really did save my life."

[Annual Report Tells Our Story](#)

[Click here for our 2018 annual report, "Where Insurance Ends, Access Now Begins."](#)

Our numbers tell the story: More than 1,000 physician volunteers and other specialty care providers served more than 2,500 low-income, uninsured patients. And they do it thanks to the generosity of our donors. **Thank you!** Our annual report tells the stories of Access Now's service to more than 14,000 patients since our inception in 2008. They've benefited from quality care conservatively valued at more than \$47 million.



The RAM-based program operates with a small staff and seeks a maximum return on all donations. In 2018, for every dollar donated, Access Now delivered \$10 in specialty-care services.

Want to donate? [Click here!](#)

## Introducing Access Now's New Website



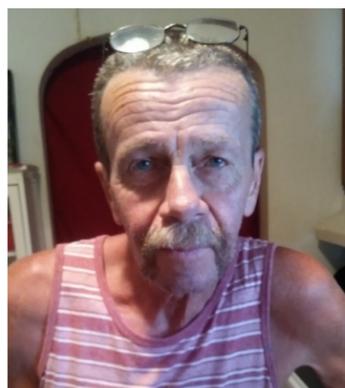
Learn how you can make a difference and ensure the health of our community. Access Now's new website has information for patients, for clinics and for physicians.

[Click here to visit AccessNowRVA.org.](http://AccessNowRVA.org)

For every \$1 donated, Access Now provides more than \$10 in services.

## Access Now Offers Hope

A construction worker who found himself with multiple medical issues, **Robert T. Cox** was worried. "I didn't know where to get help," he said. But then he heard about Access Now. We arranged appointments with several different specialists, and got Mr. Cox the help he needed, which enabled him to get on with his life. "They have been a true blessing to me. It sure gives people down on their luck hope."



## The Gift of Giving at Amazon Smile and Kroger



Looking for an easy way to help Access Now? Why not do it now while you shop?

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