

THE PATIENT'S NAVIGATOR

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Access Now - a program of the Richmond Academy of Medicine

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Total number of patients seen since Access Now began
15,796



Total current number of specialty care volunteers
1,080



Total reported value of donated care since Access Now began
\$55.7 million

Access Now hosts annual meeting for clinics

Access Now's 2021 Annual Clinic Meeting was held Jan. 29 via Zoom.

Attendees represented 16 area clinics. At the meeting, they received an update on procedures, specialty updates and information on clinics doing COVID testing and telemedicine.

A big thank you to all the clinics that work with Access Now!



Meet our Board: Matthew Scott



The Access Now Board is comprised of dedicated volunteers who support our mission and help guide our future.

Matthew Scott serves as our Board President. He explains why he volunteers with Access Now.

How does your "day job" relate to Access Now?

I am a private banker with TowneBank, a lifelong banker. This is what I know and have been doing for 30+ years. In my role, I get the opportunity to provide financial guidance and support to my clients, most of whom are professionals and their practices. How I partner can range from helping finance

expansion and growth in normal times, to working to secure PPP financing during the uncertainty of the COVID pandemic.

What made you decide to join the Access Now Board and why have you stayed?

I believe that quality health care is one the most important basic human needs. I grew up in a family that not only believed in the power of community support of those less fortunate, but they demonstrated that belief and set that example. Access Now struck me early on with its commitment to our community. The passion of the physician volunteers was

outstanding and I knew I wanted to help.

How long have you been on the Board?

I joined the board in 2009. The role that Access Now and the safety net clinics play is vital to our community. Over the years that I have served, we have seen economic prosperity and challenges, we have seen the passage of the Affordable Care Act and other significant changes in health care, but the demand for services has continued to grow.

What do you think is the most important component of Access Now?

The volunteers. That includes both individuals and local companies. We have over 900 local physicians who volunteer their time, along with the area health care systems. It is amazing the commitment that comes each year from them.

How does Access Now enrich our community?

I mentioned earlier about the importance of health care. For me, it is right there with food and housing. It is essential to helping those individuals in need. By helping fulfill the health care need, Access Now and its volunteers provide compassionate care to the community and hope for the future.

What else would you like to tell us?

Everyone has a role in the success of our community, and we all play a different part. We have different talents but when we come together each of us can make a real impact on the community and those around us.

Annual pledges and surveys coming soon!



We want to hear from you!

If you are a volunteer specialist with Access Now, be on the lookout for Access Now's annual satisfaction survey. This also is your opportunity to make any adjustments to your current agreement with the Access Now program.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, contact Access Now Program Manager **Leslie Gibson** at 804-622-8143.

Connecting people

"I am passionate about connecting people to the best possible medical care possible and hope to help strengthen and support the great work that Access Now is doing in Central Virginia. I was really moved when my patients, who urgently needed medical attention, attempted to refuse it on the grounds that they couldn't afford it. I wanted to be a part of the solution by working with an organization whose mission is make specialty care accessible to folks who need it." - **Julie Benmosche**, Access Now Board member



VAFCC introduces new microsite, opportunity board



The Virginia Association of Free & Charitable Clinics recently launched a Volunteer Opportunity Board intended to help connect interested health care volunteers with current volunteer needs in Virginia's free clinics.

You can find current needs or add your name to the directory of interested volunteers for free clinics to contact once an opportunity becomes available.

VAFCC's new microsite compiles key messaging about their important mission and helps visitors connect with clinics directly to volunteer or make a donation.

Volunteer physicians needed!

Access Now depends on the generous support of physicians who donate their services so that every patient has a chance for the specialty care they so desperately need.

Currently, we're looking for specialists in the areas of:

- Podiatry
- Otolaryngology
- Ophthalmology
- Optometry
- Neurosurgery
- Wound Care



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