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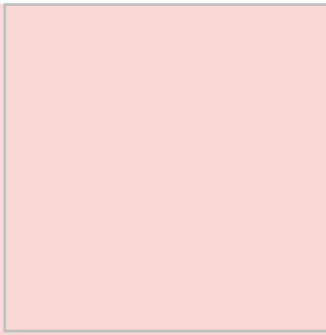
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*To support Access Now in its essential mission,  
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Total number of patients seen since **Access Now** began:  
**18,895**



Total current number of specialty care volunteers:  
**1,181**



Total reported value of donated care since **Access Now** began:  
**\$71.8 million**

Statistics are current as of November 28, 2023.

## 2023 Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign

With the holiday season fast approaching, now is the perfect time to help us give someone who cannot afford it the life-changing gift of health care.

Since 1997, the **Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC)** has been the officially sanctioned, non-profit fundraising program for over 120,000 Commonwealth employees to safely and easily donate to their favorite causes throughout the year.

Did you know that **Access Now** is one of the causes you can support? If you are a state employee, we encourage you to please visit the page using the QR code at left and refer others to it as well.

To learn about the two ways you can make a donation online, please [click here](#). Refer to **Access Now, Inc.**, CVC Code **201405**. Quick links to the donation pages are also provided at left.



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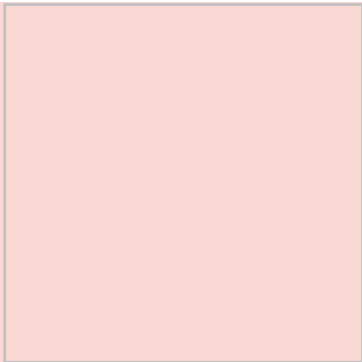
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**Thank you so much for your gracious support!**

## Meet Our Board: John M. McCurley, MD

**John McCurley, MD, MHA** is Access Now's **Chair of the Board of Directors** and **Medical Director**. He has practiced Internal Medicine for over 27 years in both outpatient and inpatient settings and has held a variety of leadership roles inside and outside healthcare, including Chief Medical Officer, Chief Clinical Officer and hospital CEO.

A former Navy Commander and Submarine Officer, his experiences include service as an Assistant Professor of



Medicine at the Uniformed Services University and a practicing Internist at the National Naval Medical Center and the United States Naval Academy. Immediately following his residency Dr. McCurley was selected to serve as a physician to the U.S. Congress and Supreme Court. Prior to medical school he served in the high reliability milieu of the Navy's nuclear submarine force, and from there he was selected to serve at the White House as the Director of the Presidential Emergency Complex during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Currently John works for MCV Physicians in the VCU Health System where he has a primary care practice, teaches medical students and residents as a Clinical Professor of Medicine, and leads work in care transformation and innovation.

A Baltimore native, Dr. McCurley is married with three grown children and three grandchildren. He enjoys spending time with his family, reading, and playing the guitar. We caught up with him to get his reflections on the Access Now program.

**Why did you decide to volunteer and join the Access Now Board?**

Access Now fills a unique space that helps support the most vulnerable within our community with access to much needed medical care. At the same time, we support the physicians and clinics that are willing to provide this care *free of charge* and give them a truly coordinated care system so that their valuable time and energy is employed in a way that brings the largest possible return on this investment – and gives the most to those most in need. The opportunity to support those doing this good work was an easy one.

**How does Access Now relate to your everyday medical practice?**

As a physician providing care in a safety net system like VCU Health my colleagues and I see the challenges of delivering care to the most vulnerable patients in our community on a regular basis. For our colleagues at area safety net clinics – who often serve individuals with even greater vulnerabilities – Access Now represents a true system of care that can connect them to willing providers who will support them in their care of those in need.

**What are Access Now's most important functions?**

We facilitate the delivery of amazing specialty care – care that is provided by caring physicians and providers in our community and delivered to those most in need. We help those patients referred from the safety net clinics connect with the specialist they need, work to make sure that all the needed medical and other pertinent information is available to those providing care, and even facilitate referral to another specialist if that is required.

**What effect does Access Now have on the community?**

First and foremost, we help physicians within our community provide care in a systematic way to a very vulnerable part of that community. That care is – for those receiving it – truly priceless. Our support helps make this care possible! And by supporting this work we also help to keep the right care being delivered at the right place and the right time. This benefits the entire community's healthcare delivery.

**What else would you like to tell us?**

Thanks to the many physicians, providers, and their teams for doing this important work and giving of their resources to provide needed care. We at Access Now are privileged to support that work, and to create the structure that allows the connection between those in need and you all. Also, I want to say thank you to the team that is Access Now. On a daily basis I see a selfless commitment to making sure both patient and caregivers are supported that goes beyond simply being a job – to this team it is a calling. And to those of you who

give so that this work can go forward – thank you so much! We could not provide our support without yours.

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## Greetings from the Access Now Team!



This year has been a year of achievement but also change for Access Now, which has faced challenges with a new computer system and new staff. We have weathered the storm and are embracing all that the new year has to offer! Four members have come aboard in the past several months, and all are excited to carry on the torch for Access Now as it continues its mission of ensuring free specialty medical care for the uninsured so that no patient goes without care.

*From left:* **Nila** - Intake Coordinator; **Jessica** - Care Coordinator; **Karyna** - Program Liaison and Trainer; **Daniella** - Care Coordinator II and Interpreter; and **Leny** - Program Manager.

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## CME Hours for Volunteering

**Did you know** that volunteer providers can earn

1 hour CME credit for 1 hour of volunteering, up to 15 credits to fulfill the 30 Type 2 CME credits they need?

[Learn More!](#)

Up to 15 of the Type 2 continuing education hours may be satisfied through delivery of services, without compensation, to low-income individuals receiving services through a local health department or a free clinic organized in whole or primarily for the delivery of health services. One hour of continuing education may be credited for one hour of providing such volunteer services. For the purpose of continuing education credit for voluntary service, documentation by the health department or free clinic shall be acceptable.



***"My life has improved substantially, and I am so thankful because of that!"***

- J. Antonio Ortiz, Access Now patient

## Holiday Schedule

Access Now wishes all our patients, clinics, donors and volunteers the happiest of holidays.

To give our fabulous staff some time off with their families, we'll be closed **Nov. 23-24** and also **Dec. 22 - Jan. 1**. We will be open and ready for business on **Jan 2, 2024!**



## Access Now benefits from myWalgreens donation program



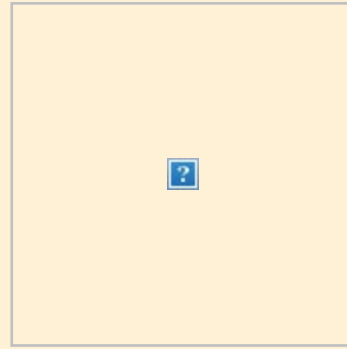
Here's a new way to support us: Access Now is one of only three area nonprofits selected for the **myWalgreens** donation program.

Walgreens partnered with **in/PACT** and **The GoodCoin Foundation** to help implement the program across the country.

Members of the myWalgreens loyalty program will be able to earn and donate Walgreens Cash rewards to Access Now. This program will be available through the Walgreens mobile app and online at Walgreens.com.

*We hope the inspirational news shared here has brought a smile to your face today. Should you feel so moved as to consider a donation, please scan the QR code at right.*

*Any amount will go a long way in helping Central Virginia's uninsured find the medical treatment they need. Thank you for your support!*



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