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### **Volunteers in Medicine Receives Grant from McKesson Medical-Surgical**

*Burlington, VT (June 2009)* Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) was selected by McKesson Medical-Surgical and the McKesson Foundation as the focus of this year's annual charity event that was held during the organization's national sales meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. Recognizing the impact of the recession and the escalating crisis of the uninsured, McKesson opted to support an organization that provides direct medical care to those without access to quality health care.

With over 1300 McKesson Medical-Surgical account managers and suppliers in attendance, Dr. Eugene Cheslock of the Parker Family Health Center, a VIM clinic in Red Bank, New Jersey, accepted a \$30,000 grant on behalf of VIM and spoke to the incredible work provided by VIM clinics free of charge to hundreds of thousands of uninsured throughout the country. "This generous contribution by McKesson will help our clinics provide health care service to the uninsured and will allow us to continue to grow our network of clinics during this time of unprecedented need in our country," said Cheslock.

Volunteers in Medicine is a national network of more than 70 clinics in 23 states that rely primarily on retired medical and community volunteers to provide quality health care services to people who are uninsured. These clinics were developed with assistance from the VIM national office and promote a "Culture of Caring" - a welcoming environment which emphasizes the treatment of every person with dignity and respect.

VIM clinics from Georgia to Oregon will use the McKesson funds to provide services, such as medications, diagnostic testing, medical supplies, and patient education to people without health insurance.

For more information on Volunteers in Medicine and for a list of clinics, please visit [www.volunteersinmedicine.org](http://www.volunteersinmedicine.org).

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