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***Volunteers In Medicine HHI Clinic Tour and Open House –
Wednesday, March 22nd 2:30-5pm at
15 Northridge Drive, Hilton Head Island***

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, March 1, 2017 – The community is invited to join Volunteers In Medicine HHI at an Open House which will feature clinic tours. David Lauderdale, senior editor and columnist at The Island Packet and Beaufort Gazette, will be our guest speaker to discuss ***The History of Healthcare in the Lowcountry***. Come learn more about VIM HHI and support the work done to meet the healthcare needs of the medically underserved of the community. VIM HHI has volunteer opportunities for healthcare professional and lay people alike. Food provided by WHOLE FOOD and register for a Gift Basket Drawing!

Volunteers in Medicine Hilton Head Island was established on Hilton Head Island in 1993 and today provides free medical, dental, mental health, vision and prescription drug care for those residents of the community who live and or work on Hilton Head or Daufuskie Island, earn less than 200% of federal poverty levels and are underinsured or uninsured. Last year, VIM provided care across more than 30,000 patient visits and is the model for 96 free health clinics throughout the country. Funding is through grants and donations. VIM neither seeks nor accepts government support.

More than 600 volunteer physicians, nurses, dentists, chiropractors, social workers and lay persons manage 23 medical specialties and five disease management clinics for those patients with chronic disease such as diabetes and hypertension. VIM registered 928 new patients in 2015. Many of our new patients are middle aged working people who found themselves asking for help for the first time in their lives. Besides workers from tourism related businesses, new patients include a population of people in all walks of life: realtors, mortgage bankers, interior designers, architects, contractors, construction workers, small business owners and retail workers.

While we continue to monitor the programs and information, new patients are added on a daily basis and current patients receive treatment as we fulfill our mission: *to understand and serve the health and wellness needs of the medically underserved population and their households, living and/or working on Hilton Head and Daufuskie Islands.*

Volunteers in Medicine Hilton Head Island is located at 15 Northridge Drive. For information call 843.689.6612 or visit www.vimclinic.org.