



## **CVIM Honored with 2021 Madison Award for Civility in the Community**

Centre Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM) will be the 2021 recipient of the Madison Award for Civility in the Community, sponsored by Constitution Day Centre Inc. The award honors individuals or organizations that have made longtime contributions to civility and community service, the hallmarks of American democracy.

The Madison Award will be presented at the Sept. 26 Constitution Day Celebration event. A U.S. Constitution Jeopardy game with local nonprofit will be held at 1 p.m. on the outdoor patio of the American Legion Post 245, 1950 Pine Hall Road, State College. The award presentation will follow. This event is free and open to the public.

Launched in 2003, CVIM has provided free comprehensive health care to thousands of Centre County residents without insurance. Community professionals and volunteers teamed up to offer medical, dental, case management, and medication assistance services to working people with little or no access to affordable benefits. The 2020-2021 annual report estimated over 1,100 unique patients used at least one of their services.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, CVIM became an essential part of the effort to vaccinate the community. Staff and volunteers toiled tirelessly to schedule many vaccine clinics for residents. By August 2021, CVIM estimated it administered 28,875 injections, while continuing to provide free health care.

Mary Watson, president of Constitution Day Centre Inc., noted: "The State College community is blessed to have the medical staff and volunteers of CVIM active in our community. During the COVID pandemic, they have addressed the needs of all citizens with intelligence, skill, diligence, energy, and integrity. We are all grateful to CVIM for their dedication during this unprecedented time."

Cheryl White, CVIM executive director, said, "The board, staff and volunteers are honored to be chosen for the 2021 Madison Award for Civility in the Community. Since our inception in 2003, it has always been our belief that all are entitled to have access to quality healthcare, regardless of their insurance status or their ability to pay."

Constitution Day Centre Inc. is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting learning about the U.S. Constitution and civil conversations among people of all beliefs. Activities include annual events and the Madison Award for Civility in the Community. Pat Daugherty of the Tavern Restaurant was the inaugural recipient in 2019.

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