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### **Rite Aid Foundation helps a local charitable pharmacy in a big way during American Pharmacy Month**

**Mobile, Alabama** – October is American Pharmacists Month and The Rite Aid Foundation is helping celebrate Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy by providing \$10,000 in gift cards to assist Ozanam’s homeless, working poor and newly unemployed clients with their life-sustaining medications.

“Each year Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy spends close to \$100,000 for generic medication. Rite Aid’s contribution will help us to provide more medications to more patients during these tough economic times. We are seeing 100 new patients per month up from the normal 30 new patients,” explained Shearie Archer, Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy Executive Director.

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy has two licensed pharmacists, Annie Daniels and Charles Loury on staff, as well as 15 registered pharmacy technician volunteers who donate over 3000 hours each year.

Rite Aid’s commitment to assisting Ozanam Pharmacy does not stop with the gift cards. Pharmacist Marlena Kelley, who works at the Rite Aid Pharmacy on Dauphin Street, donates her time to Ozanam on her days off. She fills medications and helps wherever needed. She also recruits pharmacy interns from the University of Auburn Harrison School Of Pharmacy to learn about nonprofit pharmacies and to work in the pharmacy as well. “We are so grateful to have Marlena. She has helped me tremendously. It is so important for Ozanam to have volunteer pharmacists to help fill the over 24,000 prescriptions we fill each year. I wish we had more like Marlena” said supervising pharmacist Annie Daniels.

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy partners with agencies that assist in determining who is eligible to have prescriptions filled by the pharmacy. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am-2:30pm. Service area includes Mobile, Escambia and Baldwin counties. There is no other charitable pharmacy in the area that provides a comparable service.

Join The Rite Aid Foundation to help celebrate pharmacists this month by supporting Ozanam Pharmacy. If you are a local pharmacist, sign-up and donate a few hours per month. If you are a physician, donate your samples. Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy encourages everyone to donate funds to help purchase high-cost medications for clients. Click the “Donate Now” safe, secure link on the Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy website to make your contribution.

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To volunteer time, donate funds or donate physician samples, call 251.432.4111 or visit [www.ozanampharmacy.org](http://www.ozanampharmacy.org).