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Dear Friends,

Nearly 2,000 persons each month in southwest Alabama get essential, often life-sustaining prescription medications, at no cost from the Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy. These are mostly individuals faced with staggering prescription costs who have no (or inadequate) access to public or private health insurance.

The pharmacy purchases generic medications with a focus on maintenance drugs for conditions such as high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, seizure disorders, stomach and gastrointestinal conditions, etc. We also solicit and receive donated sample brand-name medications from area physicians in our three county service area of Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia Counties.

Many brand-name drugs are both extremely expensive and have no generic equivalents. Unfortunately these are also the medications for which it is most difficult for us stock. The successful Access Your Rx, a PAP (Patient Assistant Program), project now provides this service to our clients. The staff helps patients access these drugs directly through the pharmaceutical companies' Patient Assistant Programs (PAPs).

During our fiscal year October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009, 1842 unduplicated clients were served with 24,432 prescriptions costing \$915,320. In addition to the prescriptions filled in our pharmacy we provided 367 patients enrolled in our Patient Assistance Program with 1328 expensive named brand prescription medications with a retail value of \$673,297. Using our In-House Emergency Formulary and our Patient Assistance Program we provided our three county service area with nearly \$1.6 million in retail medications.

As President of the Board of Directors for the Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy and the other Board of Directors, we thank you for visiting our web site. We encourage you to contact the Pharmacy directly to learn more about our services and to learn how you can support this worthwhile charity.

Vernon Coleman

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