

THE OZANAM PRESCRIPTION



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Photo of Marlena Kelly (Rite Aid Pharmacist and Volunteer Pharmacist for Ozanam) Annie Daniels (Supervising Pharmacist for Ozanam), Mr. Greg Wilson, Mr. Joe Westfall, Shearie Archer (Executive Director – Ozanam) and Ryan Simons (Rite Aid Manager) and Moren Braswell (Ozanam Board member).

Rite Aid donates \$10,000 in gift cards to Ozanam Pharmacy

Ozanam Pharmacy received \$10,000 in gift cards from the Rite Aid Foundation to assist Ozanam's homeless, working poor and newly unemployed clients. Our special gift from Rite Aid has helped us purchase much needed over-the-counter medication for our clients as well as diabetic testing strips and other supplies. Rite Aid's commitment to assisting Ozanam Pharmacy does not stop with the gift cards. Pharmacist Marlena Kelly with Rite Aid Pharmacy on Dauphin Street donates her time to Ozanam on her days off. She fills medications and helps whenever needed. She also recruits Pharmacy Interns from the Auburn University Harrison School Of Pharmacy to learn about non-profit pharmacies and to work in the pharmacy as well. "We are so grateful to have Marlena. It is so

important for Ozanam to have volunteer pharmacists to help fill over 24,000 prescriptions per year. I wish we had more volunteers like Marlena," said Supervising Pharmacist Annie Daniels. Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy has two dedicated licensed Pharmacists, Annie Daniels and Charles Loury, on staff as well as 15 registered Pharmacy Technician volunteers who donate over 3000 hours each year. We provide medication for Mobile, Escambia and Baldwin counties. There is no other charitable pharmacy in the area that provides a comparable service.



Over-the-counter medication purchased with Rite Aid 's Gift Cards.

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy shares Direct Relief International Hurricane Prep Packs with Partner Agencies

Ozanam is pleased to share Direct Relief supplies with our partner organizations. We appreciate our partnership with Direct Relief International. As you recall, last year Direct Relief deployed 25 Hurricane Prep Packs to partner clinics, pharmacies, and health centers in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy was one of the fortunate recipients of the special relief gift. Each Hurricane Prep Pack held enough medical supplies to treat 100 patients for a variety of conditions, from injuries to chronic illnesses, for three to five days. At a wholesale value of almost \$12,000 for each pack, contents were assembled based on responses to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. If we were impacted by a major storm during the 2009 hurricane season, Ozanam Pharmacy agreed to share the supplies with our other partners. We shared our gift with Franklin Healthcare for the

Homeless, Mobile County Health Dept, Providence Hospital Outreach and University of South Alabama. We also maintained a few supplies and medications for our patients. Direct Relief International provides medical assistance to improve the quality of life of people victimized by poverty, disaster and civil unrest at home and throughout the world. To learn more about Direct Relief visit DirectRelief.org.



Sharon Brammer, FNP, BSN with the Franklin's Healthcare for the Homeless receiving donated Direct Relief medications and supplies from Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy.



Ozanam Needs Help from the Entire Village



By Shearie Archer

At this point, who knows what is going to happen with Health Care Reform. That is why we have to depend on the village to help. You know the old African saying, "It takes a Village". Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy needs local doctors to donate in-date sample medications, we also need pharmacists to volunteer time, and we need financial donors to help us continue our mission of providing medications to those who are in need. Every day somewhere along the Gulf Coast, there are people who cannot afford desperately needed medicine. Imagine going without heat in order to buy Insulin, or watching a loved one suffer without relief. We provide treatment for chronic illnesses like high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes, just to name a few. Going to the doctor to get diagnosed is one thing; getting the prescribed treatment of a medication is another. There are about 80,000 people in our service area which includes Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia Counties who are without health insurance according to the 2005 census.

Some uninsured individuals may be able to pay for the doctor's visit but not the medication. Long term, what happens when a patient, say one with diabetes goes without treatment? Not treating diabetes (uncontrolled diabetes) puts the patient at risk for cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, blindness, nerve damage, infections and other illnesses like pneumonia and influenza. That is just the short list. Here is where Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy comes in. Most uninsured patients use the emergency room as their primary care. Here the patient receives care and is given a prescription which they cannot afford to fill so they end up back at square one a few days or weeks, maybe months later in the emergency for care and the cycle continues. Ozanam is "The Pharmacy of the Last Resort." We keep patients connected to their medications so you don't have to with your tax dollars. Reaching a wide cross-section of those who are uninsured or underinsured, our referrals come from local clinics, private physicians transitional housing, homeless shelters and hospital emergency rooms.

If you are a local Pharmacist we encourage you to sign-up and donate a few hours per month for this worthy cause. If you are a Physician we encourage you to donate your samples We encourage everyone to donate funds to help us purchase high cost medications for our clients. To volunteer time, donate funds or donate Physician Samples call 251.432.4111 or visit our Web-site at

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Speaking of it, "takes a village", in the last issue we left off two of our hardest working board members who have dedicated their time and energy to making the Pharmacy what it is today. Both have served for many years, Mrs. Julie McGee and Mrs. Moren Braswell.

Things are looking better at the Pharmacy thanks to a donation from a local law firm



New Lobby



New storage



New workstation

On February 3rd the law firm of Burr and Forman LLP donated chairs, storage shelves and a desk for our Pharmacy. This really spruced up things for our clients. Eight beautiful and comfortable chairs look great in our small lobby. Also, we now have much needed storage shelves and a desk for our Pharmacy Interns. A special thanks to Mr. Stefan, Pat and Steve with The Mitchell Company for helping us with putting together and delivering the furniture to Ozanam. Burr and Forman donated the furniture due to a move from the Colonial Bank Centre to RSA Towers at 11 North Water Street, Suite 22200.

Ozanam Receives funds the Community Foundation of South Alabama

Recently, Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy received a grant in the amount of \$3,500 from the Medical field of Interest Grant from the Community Foundation South Alabama. This grant makes it possible for Ozanam to purchase drugs for our Generic Medication Purchase Program. This year our budget is \$88,000 to purchase generic medications. In addition we receive in-date sample medications from local physicians to make up our In-house formulary. Thanks to the Medical Field of Interest Grant we are able to serve clients who would otherwise be left with cruel choices- which might often lead to endangering their lives by forgoing or reducing use of essential medications.



How much money do we save our community in medical costs?



October 1, 2008 - Sept 31, 2009

Over 24,000 prescriptions were dispensed from Ozanam In House Pharmacy to individuals in need with a retail value of \$915,000

Ozanam Pharmacy's Patient Assistance Program (PAP) connected 367 patients directly to pharmaceutical companies for expensive brand name medication. The PAP Program helped to fill 1328 brand name prescriptions with a retail value of \$673,297

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy's total value to the community was nearly \$1.6 million in medication and services.

Help Ozanam get our ducks in a row!



Keep your eyes open for "2500 Racing Ducks in Training"! They are preparing for Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy's Ducky Derby to be held on Saturday, May 15th, at Providence Hospital Pond from 9am to 11am. This event is Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy's first major premiere event. We are expecting to raise over \$10,000 to help provide thousands of dollars worth of medication to individuals who cannot afford to pay for them.

I recognize that many worthy causes request your support, resources are limited, and these are difficult economic times. The Ozanam Ducky Derby is very worthy of your support because of its unique structure and far reaching results. This event is truly a partnership between a large cross section of organizations and the community. Individuals can sponsor a duck for just \$5 or a quack pack (5 ducks plus one free) for \$25.00.

We also have a variety of sponsorship opportunities. Sponsorships start from \$250. For more details email sarcher@ozanam.org, mail or fax me the completed form (below). A few highlights:

- ◆ Inclusion in printed material
- ◆ Mention in press kits and news release
- ◆ On-site display
- ◆ Logo recognition along the side of the pond
- ◆ Recognition at awards ceremony
- ◆ And much more

Yes, I would like a Sponsorship Packet

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We promptly acknowledge your contribution to those you designate without specifying the amount of your gift.

For additional information about the Ozanam honor or memory cards, please call (251) 432-4111.

Speaker Available

If you would like to schedule a representative from Ozanam Pharmacy to visit your church, home, school or community, please call Shearie Archer at (251) 432-4111.



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