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A medication safety net for uninsured patients in Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia Counties.

20 Years of Caring 1998-2018

Thank you for providing a medication safety net for those in need since 1998

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In 1997, a group of concerned individuals and agencies in Mobile began talking about a serious problem facing senior citizens in the area. The escalating cost of prescription medications was having a devastating impact on seniors living on a limited income. The group, consisting of representatives from The Area Agency on Aging, The Mobile Infirmary Foundation, Providence Hospital, United Way, The Medical Alliance of Mobile County, Mobile Gas, The Sisters of St. Agnes, The St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Social Services and local physicians and health care workers, was looking for a way to provide medications, free of charge, to those who didn't have the money to fill their prescriptions. As is the case for the birth of any organization, meetings were held, plans were made and fundraising began. In April of 1998, The Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy opened its doors.

Thanks to the foresight, compassion and tremendous effort of our 14 founding board members, Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy is celebrating 20 years of service as a medical safety net for those in our community who are unable to afford prescription medications. These board members were honored recently as recipients of the 2017 Gardberg Leadership Award, an award established by the Ozanam Board of Directors to honor individuals or organizations who embody the charitable spirit of Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and namesake of Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy. The award was named after Mr. Jonathan Gardberg, a Mobile attorney who along with the staff of his law firm Gardberg and Kemmerly, worked tirelessly to promote and support the mission of Ozanam.

Entering our 20th year of service, Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy has expanded from donated space shared with The Service Center of Catholic Social Services to its present facility at 109 S. Cedar St. allowing us to better meet the needs of our patients. Our service area now includes Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia counties in Alabama serving uninsured patients from ages 19-64. And each day, as our doors are opened, we are able to look at the sign on the wall of our building and say thank you to 14 remarkable individuals who started it all. We will, with the help of generous supporters, continue your work.

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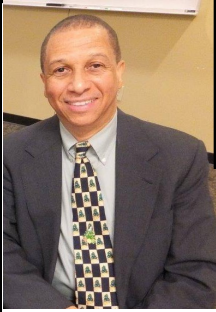
Ozanam by the numbers

Financial Statement Statement of Activities Fiscal Year 2016/2017

<u>Unrestricted Net Assets</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Support and revenue:		
SARPC	\$50,000	\$50,000
City of Mobile	\$13,000	\$13,000
Mobile County	\$16,599	\$10,737
United Way	\$48,089	\$30,395
Contributions and grants	\$255,155	\$197,961
Contribution In Kind	\$1,333,728	\$1,258,38
Fundraising Income	\$38,724	\$22,691
Other income	\$1548	\$22,881
Investment Income	\$376	\$170
Gain/loss on Disposal of Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Total unrestricted</u>		
Support and revenue	\$1,757,219	\$1,606,221
Net assets released from restrictions	\$0	\$0
<u>Expenses</u>		
Program expenses	\$1,648,547	\$1,541,668
General and administrative	\$65,096	\$63,042
<u>Total expenses</u>	\$1,713,643	\$1,604,710
Change in net assets	(\$43,576)	(\$1,511)
Net assets, beginning of year	\$230,320	\$228,809
Net assets, end of year	\$273,896	\$230,320

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From The Board of Directors

Dear Partners in the Mission,

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for your generous support of our mission to provide access to life-sustaining medication to the working poor, homeless, unemployed and those in need.

Your support allows us to partner with outstanding organizations such as Direct Relief and Dispensary of Hope to provide even more life-saving medication to our uninsured patients. Keeping our patients connected to their prescribed medicine is a vital step in improving not only their lives but also the overall health of our community. In fiscal year 2017 (October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017), Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy filled over 28,000 prescriptions for over 1670 patients in our Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia county service area. In addition, our Access Your Rx Patient Assistance Program connected 364 patients to life-saving name brand medications directly from pharmaceutical manufacturers. The medications provided by our generic formulary and Patient Assistance Program would have cost our patients over \$2 million from retail pharmacies.

As President of the Board of Directors and on behalf of the Board of Directors, the dedicated staff and volunteers of Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, I am thankful for your encouragement of and participation in our mission. If you have not done so, please take the time to visit our website or follow us on Facebook and Twitter to help us spread the word about our work. Together we are building a healthy community!

Wiley Christian,

President

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy Board of Directors



From the Director's Desk

First and foremost, I would like to thank our wonderful donors for providing the resources needed to serve the most vulnerable citizens of Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia counties. This year marks our 20th year of providing access to health care for residents in our community.

In 2017 Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy made a difference for those in need of a medication safety net. We served 57 (1671) additional patients and dispensed 2041 (28,778) more prescriptions than in the previous year. We also provided \$25,000 (\$925,194) more retail valued name brand medication through our Patient Assistance Program. Our Pharmacy Interns saw over 30 patients in the Medication Therapy Management Program and we broke the \$2 million mark in retail value of medication dispensed. Most importantly, our patients stayed connected to their life sustaining medications and out of the emergency room for primary healthcare.

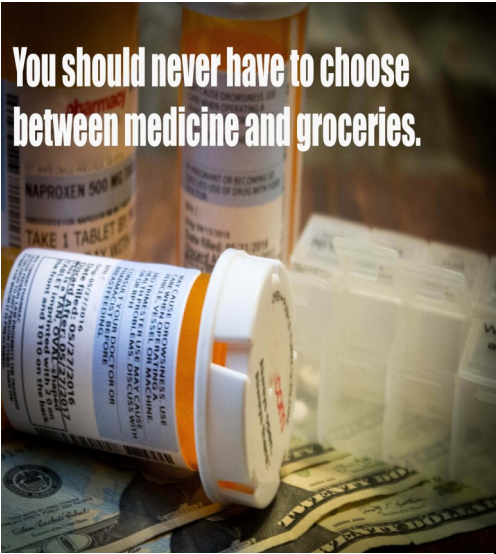
These impressive numbers are only possible because of our wonderful volunteers, Board of Directors, staff members and donors. A deep caring for our patients drives our dedicated staff and volunteers. Nowhere is this caring more evident than in our Medication Therapy Management Program when a pharmacist or 4th year pharmacy intern meets with individual patients to provide medication counseling, health education, and connection to community resources.

I am so grateful for each of you and your support of the Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy. I wish I could share with you the gratitude that our patients often express as we provide the care and medications your support makes possible. Your support makes a difference everyday. On behalf of our patients and team, thank you.

Shearrie Archer

Executive Director

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Community support is vital to our mission. Your gift to mark an occasion or remember a deceased loved one is gratefully appreciated. Use the enclosed envelope for donations of any type or donate online at www.ozanampharmacy.org or on our Facebook page.

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