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

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy's favorite feathered friend, Lucky Ducky, recently traveled in style to Infiniti of Mobile to party with friends and benefactors at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Lucky Ducky fundraiser. Thanks to the generosity of Ty Bullard and the Bullard family, the beautiful new showroom of Infiniti of Mobile provided an elegant backdrop for Ozanam's big night. Surrounded by beautiful cars and walls filled with artwork, guests came together to enjoy the evening and show their support for the patients served by Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy.

Ozanam's Special Events Committee worked for months to plan a wonderful silent auction, a prize basket raffle, delicious southern jambalaya prepared by the Men's Group of Spanish Fort United Methodist Church and tunes to rock to provided by the Ruff Water Band. Thanks in part to a record number of financial sponsors, the bar was raised for Lucky Ducky fundraisers. Record breaking proceeds will support the purchase of life-sustaining medications for Ozanam patients.



The hard work and dedication of Special Event Committee members **Christine Cumbie (chair), Mea Cumbie, Helan Coleman, Kathy Lovitt, George Yurcisin, Viletta Beck, Susan Herring and Clarissa Lemon-Phalo** made the evening possible. Many helping hands pitched in from set-up to clean-up to make sure the night ran smoothly and efficiently. There were bargains to be found at the silent auction and beautifully wrapped themed prize baskets were awarded to lucky raffle winners. Although no one was able to unlock the vault to win a new Infiniti, one happy guest did take home \$500 cash! Lucky Ducky's Infiniti Event was an evening of fun, food and fellowship with generous supporters to ensure a future of hope for Ozanam's patients in need.

*Ozanam Pharmacist Annie Daniels,  
Board Chair Wiley Christian and  
Brenda Christian enjoying Ozanam's  
Lucky Ducky Infiniti Event.*





Each day that Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy opens its doors, our patients are welcomed and served by a warm smile and cheery voice. More often than not that gracious greeting comes from a volunteer—someone who has taken time out of their own busy schedule to assist our staff and patients in any way they can. Their helping hands and caring hearts are what our patients remember after leaving the pharmacy.

On May 2, in the Pharr room of the RSA Battle House Tower, United Way of Southwest Alabama recognized one of Ozanam's volunteers, Ms. Rose Marie Davis, as a "Heart of Gold" volunteer for her dedication and long-time service to Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy.

United Way of Southwest Alabama annually honors volunteers who give their time to any of the 48 United Way partner agencies. Agencies are asked to nominate one volunteer to be recognized with the "Heart of Gold" award. From the nominations submitted by agencies in 4 counties, one volunteer is chosen to represent each of United Way's four Building Blocks focus areas – Education, Health, Financial Stability and Essentials. Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy nominated Ms. Rose Marie Davis, an Ozanam volunteer since 1998. At the United Way Awards Reception, surrounded by her family and staff members from Ozanam, Rose was officially honored for her "heart of gold."

Rose has volunteered at Ozanam 3 days a week since 1998 working with Pharmacist Annie Daniels to prepare prescriptions. She continues her work after hours by taking home data to compile into required statistical reports. A day at Ozanam is not complete without Rose's words of wisdom, encouragement and no-nonsense insights to provide support and motivation to all she encounters. Rose, at age 89, is taking some time off for the first time since she began volunteering at Ozanam to deal with unexpected health issues. But we know, as soon as she can, that Rose's heart of gold will be right back at our pharmacy counter doing the work that is needed and caring for the patients of Ozanam.



**L-R, Mark Fillers, 2016 UWSWA Chairman of the Board, Heart of Gold award winner Rose Marie Davis , Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy Executive Director Shearie Archer and United Way President and CEO Clifford Grimes.**





**O**zanam Charitable Pharmacy has been honored with a unique and exciting opportunity to better serve both our patients and many more throughout the state of Alabama. We are excited to announce that Ozanam has been chosen to take part in a National Institute of Health study: “The Impact of Pharmacist Led Care Coordination on Diabetes Self-Management Patient Reported Outcomes.” Our study was launched May 19, 2017 and is off to a great start.

Collaborative practice is defined by the American Pharmacist Association as “a formal relationship between pharmacists and physicians or other providers that allow for expanded services the pharmacist can provide to patients and the healthcare team.” Studies such as the one Ozanam is participating in prove that patients truly do have better outcomes when their pharmacist and physician are in direct communication with one another.

Every five weeks, a new fourth-year pharmacy student from Auburn University’s Harrison School of Pharmacy serves a clinical rotation at Ozanam. Each student will play a key role in different phases of the study. Currently, Ashley Turk is launching the study by enrolling patients. In order to qualify for the study, a patient must meet two specific criteria. They must be diagnosed with Pre-diabetes or Diabetes and they must be a patient at the Mobile County Health Department.

The study integrates perfectly with the Medication Therapy Management (MTM) program already in place at the pharmacy, which was designed and implemented by fourth year pharmacy students serving at Ozanam. Patients with diabetes make up a large part of the patient population served by the pharmacy. In the study, patients will be randomly assigned to one of three treatment groups. Group one will receive a blood glucose meter, strips, and lancets in order to monitor their blood glucose levels. Group two patients will receive these same supplies but will also meet with the pharmacy student or pharmacist every 4 weeks to learn more about managing their diabetes. Patients in group three will receive the supplies, the education sessions every 4 weeks, and the student and/or pharmacist will communicate with the patient’s healthcare provider at the Mobile Health Department. Group three will focus on collaborative practice. Outcomes will be measured from data collected by patient surveys, one taken at the beginning of the study and one at the end, that will collect information about the patient’s current health, how confident they feel about their health, and their opinion about their providers.

The collaborative study was designed by members of the Gulf States Health Policy Center’s Interdisciplinary Health Literacy Team made up of representatives from Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, University of South Alabama, and Mobile County Health Department. The Gulf States Health Policy Center supports health policy research to improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities in the Gulf states. Through its participation in the study, Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy and the Health Policy Center’s member agencies hope to more effectively provide improved patient care for Gulf Coast residents.

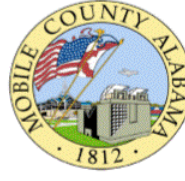
**Marlena Kelly, Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy volunteer pharmacist, displays her graduate certificate earned from The Gulf States HPC Community Research Fellows Program. The certificates were presented by Dr. Regina Benjamin, founder and CEO of the Gulf States Health Policy Center. Ms. Kelley will serve as preceptor for pharmacy students participating in the National Institute of Health study taking place at Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy.**



**Ashley Turk, an Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy fourth-year pharmacy student, educates Ozanam patients participating in a National Institute of Health Study on collaborative health care.**



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between medicine and groceries.



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