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

New Faces of Ozanam

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy recently welcomed three new members to serve on its 2018 Board of Directors. Mrs. Marylou Hyland, Rev. Levon Manzie and Mr. Jimmy Lyons generously agreed to offer their experience and expertise to guide and support the pharmacy's mission to provide medications at no cost to low income, homeless and indigent patients in Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia counties.

Mrs. Hyland is an active community volunteer who has experience in fundraising for several local organizations including the Ronald McDonald House, Catholic Social Services, McGill-Toolen Catholic High School and the Providence Hospital Festival of Flowers. She has served on the Historic Homes Tour Board and the Ronald McDonald House Board.

Rev. Levon C. Manzie is a fourth-generation minister and is currently the Assistant Pastor of the St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church of Whistler. He has served as Vice-President and President of the Mobile County School Board and currently serves as the City of Mobile District 2 City Councilman. He was a member of the 2006 class of Leadership Mobile and was recently appointed to the National League of Cities 2017 Community and Economic Development Federal Advocacy Committee.

Mr. James M. Lyons, (Jimmy) has been with the SSI Group, LLC since 1997. He currently serves as President and CEO and previously served as Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Lyons has served as CFO for Riverside Manufacturing Co., Ryan Walsh, Inc., Gulf Atlantic Corp., and was VP of Finance at Mobile Infirmary. He currently serves on several community boards including The Advisory Board of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, The Child Advocacy Center, The Advisory Board of the First Bank and Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy. Jimmy and his wife Andrea live in Mobile and have 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

The Board of Directors of Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy is made up of 20 community leaders who generously donate their time to support the mission of Ozanam and work together to help sustain healthy families and healthy communities.



Shearie Archer, Executive Director and board member Al Tenhundfeld welcome new members Levon Manzie and MaryLou Hyland



Shearie Archer and board members Jimmy Lyons and Al Tenhundfeld

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy recently said goodbye to a treasured friend and founding board member, Wes Chiniche. Wes died on October 4, 2017, on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, after a short battle with cancer. His life was celebrated at St. Dominic Catholic Church where, like St. Francis and Blessed Frederic Ozanam, he was lovingly remembered for his devotion to the poor. Wes was an active member and Past President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in St. Dominic Parish.

Wes joined a group of concerned Mobilians who came together in 1997 to assist senior citizens and others in the community who had no insurance coverage to obtain necessary prescription medications. He worked tirelessly among his fellow Alabama Power employees to build support for the group's vision and obtained a grant through the Alabama Power Foundation that made it possible for Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy to open its doors in 1998. He served faithfully as a board member for 20 years, serving on the finance committee and the relocation team.

During his funeral Mass, Wes was lovingly described as "saintly, holy, completely unselfish" and someone who touched countless lives with his generosity. Mary Palmer, a member of the St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul chapter who served alongside Wes, put her feelings into a poem entitled "On Call for St. Vincent de Paul." Her words lovingly expressed what was in the hearts of all present.

*"May he reap his just reward
For always being on call for St. Vincent de Paul
And may he rest in peace
In the palm of the hands of the Lord."*



Founding Board members Wes Chiniche and Sr. Mary Beth Funyak working together for Ozanam



Meagan Suttleff, a Senior at Spring Hill College, is a Marketing major who hopes to begin a career in pharmaceutical sales after graduation. She learned about Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy from her advisor at Spring Hill and wanted to learn more. She has been volunteering at Ozanam to learn more about pharmacies and marketing. She has focused on increasing Ozanam's social media presence. Meagan is originally from New Orleans and is a Spring Hill Ambassador, a member of the National Honor Society of Business, Vice-President of the Pan-Hellenic Council and a member of AKA Sorority. She will graduate from Spring Hill in May of 2018.

IN TRAINING AT OZANAM

Dillon Sutton, a Senior at The University of South Alabama, is a Marketing and Professional Sales major who started college life in Radiology Services. Personality tests given through the University's Career Services office led Dillon to business marketing, a better fit for his leadership and business potential. During his time at Ozanam, he has worked on creating a marketing presentation to promote the Caring Cents fundraising program. Dillon is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and a member of the US Army Reserve. He will graduate in December of 2017 and hopes to work as a recruiter for the University of South Alabama or start his own business.





Partners In Service



Serve People; Lift from the bottom, pull from the top; Remove barriers;

These phrases are just a few of the guiding principles adhered to by Direct Relief, a humanitarian aid organization that partners with healthcare organizations, including Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, in 50 states and 80 countries to improve the health and well-being of underserved populations affected by poverty. The patients of Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy benefit directly from partnership with Direct Relief in the increased resources provided to the pharmacy to more efficiently meet their medication needs. Direct Relief not only assists with the day-to-day needs of their partner agencies, but also responds to natural disasters around the world, ensuring that healthcare providers are supplied with the resources needed to care for their affected communities. Recently, Direct Relief has responded to Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria as well as the earthquake in Mexico and the areas struck by the wildfires in California. In the unfortunate circumstance of a direct hit by a devastating hurricane or other natural disaster in the Mobile area, Direct Relief and Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy will be able to immediately respond to the medication needs of our local area.

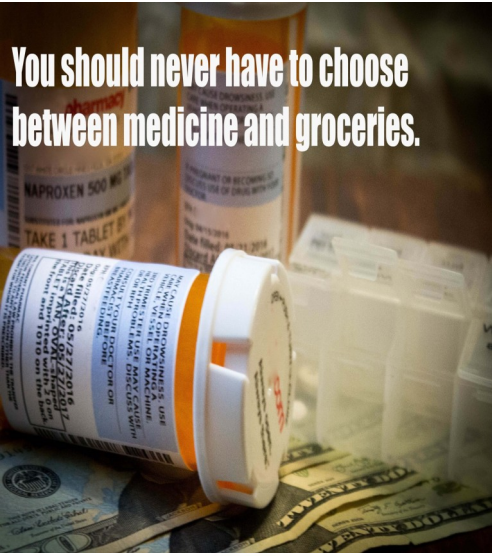
Ozanam began its partnership with Direct Relief in 2015 to participate in its Replenishment Program. The Replenishment Program provides medications at no cost to eligible partners that meet their enrollment criteria. Once a provider is enrolled, all medications dispensed are replaced bottle for bottle according to the past month's drug usage. This replenishment allows the pharmacy to stay well-stocked in high-volume medications and frees up funds and resources to purchase others as needed. Drug manufacturing companies donate the medications to Direct Relief who in turn provides them at no cost to their partner safety net clinics and healthcare providers. When Ozanam first opened its doors in 1998, medications were obtained from local physicians donating pharmaceutical samples. The Direct Relief Replenishment Program provides a safety net for the safety nets – providing access to needed medications and reducing administrative burdens and costs to more efficiently care for underserved populations.



***Shearie Archer, Marisa Barnes of Direct Relief
and Pharmacist Annie Daniels
receive the first Bulk Replenishment Program shipment to
Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy***

Direct Relief's Hurricane Preparedness Program will also benefit the local community after experiencing a strong hurricane or natural disaster. During hurricane season, Direct Relief provides medical supply relief kits in advance of threatening storms so that partner agencies can resume operations and provide care and assistance as soon as possible. The program began in the Gulf Coast states and now includes 9 states and 7 countries in Central America and the Caribbean. The Direct Relief website states that "Direct Relief's strong network of trusted partners enables Direct Relief to assess immediate healthcare needs, understand the situation on the ground, and respond quickly and efficiently when a disaster strikes." Whether it's day-to-day operations or the aftermath of an emergency situation, Direct Relief and Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy stand ready to work together to continuously meet the needs of our patients.

You should never have to choose
between medicine and groceries.



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