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THE OZ SQUAD: WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!

By Executive Director, Shearie Archer

Throughout this season of challenges, Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, and our village of supporters, affectionately known as "The Oz Squad", have really stepped up to help keep our doors open, and our patients connected to their life-sustaining medications! In addition to our dedicated volunteers and stellar students, we're grateful for a special grant from the Gulf States Center for Health Policy, which enabled us to conduct a comprehensive study of how our diabetic patients are faring during these challenging times, which included a "COVID Care Pack" filled with useful resources. Our gratitude is ongoing, as additional grants were received from The Belsole Foundation, United Way of Southwest Alabama, NAFC, The Nan Altmayer Foundation, AT&T, The Daniel Foundation, Holy Name of Jesus, Direct Relief/Ely Lilly Pharmaceuticals, The Community Foundation of South Alabama and more, which made a huge impact! Our community partners at Ingalls Ship Building, Airbus, Shoe Station, Feeding The Gulf Coast, A Servant's Love and the Americares-Walgreens Free Flu Vaccination Program have all been tremendous blessings! The Oz Squad is on the case during COVID-19...we're all in this together!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: MEET THE "OZ-MAZING" DR. MARLENA KELLEY!



For more than 8 years, the leadership of the dynamic Dr. Marlena Kelley, Pharmacy Manager at Publix Midtown Mobile, has proven to be a tremendous blessing to Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy! A young dynamo, Dr. Kelley generously shares her expertise as a volunteer pharmacist, a preceptor for a host of outstanding student volunteers from the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy (The Oz Squad), and as a generous donor.

A graduate of the University of Georgia, she earned a Doctorate of Pharmacy in 2005. Dr. Kelley's passion is helping patients learn to help themselves attain optimal health outcomes, with a focus in Medication Therapy Management and Diabetes Education. She recently completed a Community Research Fellowship Program with the Gulf States Health Policy Center, and served as the primary researcher in a study involving Diabetes Education at Ozanam with focus on collaboration between pharmacists and providers within the Mobile County Health Department, with the hope that it will translate into collaborative practice legislation in Alabama.

Dr. Kelley's generous spirit of service exemplifies Ozanam's mission! We look forward to a host of future opportunities to involve her expertise in service to aspiring pharmacists, and our dear patients.

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MASKED & MAKING IT HAPPEN: OZANAM'S VIEW FROM THE FRONTLINES OF COVID-19



Executive Director, Shearie Archer models mask donation.



Chief Pharmacist, Annie Daniels is all smiles.



Dr. Cliff Shaw with Lead Pharmacy Tech., Ms. Viletta Beck.



Patient Rels. Coordinator, Doug Cook checks Rx status.



Patient Assistance Coordinator, Judy Kramer.



Development & Marketing Manager, Yvette Chestang, creates newsletter content, photos and social media posts.



Pharmacist Willie Dunnam, consulted with patients and assisted with free flu shot registration in September.



Dedicated volunteer pharmacists, Marian Loftin and David Wancowicz, fill prescriptions with care.

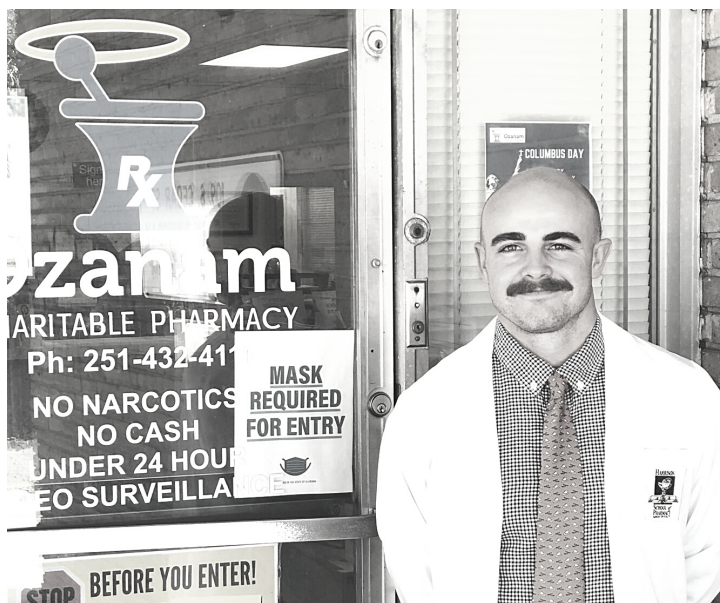


Dynamic student volunteer, Paige Evans, models Direct Relief mask.

DEDICATED COMMUNITY PARTNERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE FOR OUR PATIENTS



PHARMACY STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: WILLIE DUNNAM SHINES AT OZANAM



We're delighted to introduce you to Willie Dunnam, a graduate student at the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy, who made quite an impact while spending the month of September at Ozanam. A native of Lucedale, MS, he highly values family and the ties that bind. When asked about what he likes most about his experience at Ozanam Pharmacy, he said, "What I appreciate most about Ozanam Pharmacy is that, stemming from Frederic Ozanam's conviction of proving his faith with his charitable works, we have the opportunity to impact the lives of those in need by providing a necessary charitable service to the community."

In Willie's spare time, he loves to experience adventures, such as hiking, kayaking, snowboarding, and meeting new people, which usually involves travel. "I've been part of several mission trips to various places across the globe, and even led a couple of them myself. I enjoy playing the guitar and I frequently run (slowly) with my dog Jake. I once spent a semester teaching at a school in the jungle of Ecuador in a town called Misahualli ("miss-ah-wah-JHEE"). I taught World History and Math to 8 students between 4th and 6th grades. Jungle Kids for Christ exists to empower the next generation with education and the Gospel of Jesus Christ", he said. His favorite book is "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck, and favorite movie is "Minority Report", based on Phillip K. Dick's 1956 short story.

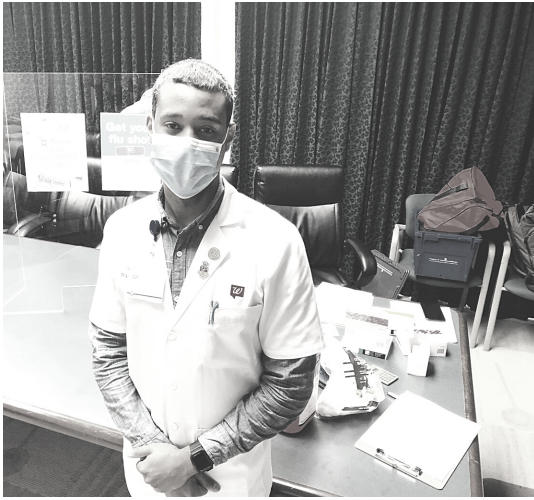
Willie's personal philosophy is knowing Christ, which compels him to live as though others are more significant than he is, and to give his time and resources toward sharing His Gospel. Willie has truly been a blessing to Ozanam!



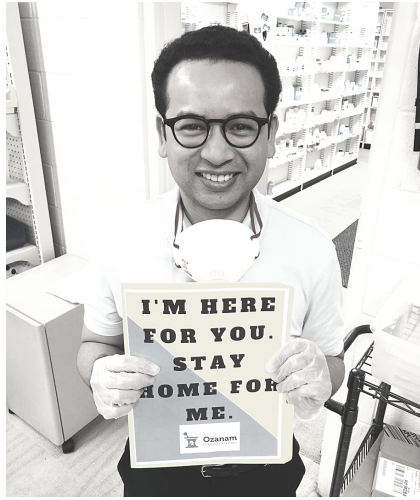
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THAT WHEN YOU GIVE TO
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MASKED & MAKING A DIFFERENCE: A VILLAGE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS, VOLUNTEERS & STUDENTS



Dr. Ian Chin-See of AmeriCares/Walgreens Free Flu Shot Program.



Pharmacist Quoc Pham, dedicated volunteer.



B & B Pet Stop Mgr. Sally Trufant presents RoundUp donation.



Wednesdays are a treat as Pharmacy volunteer, Dave Wancowicz, makes a connoisseur's cup!



HSOP Christian Pharmacists Fellowship present Goody Bags of Gratitude.



UWSWA & Shoe Station provided free shoes for patients.



Staff and volunteers gathered in support of partner agency Penelope House.

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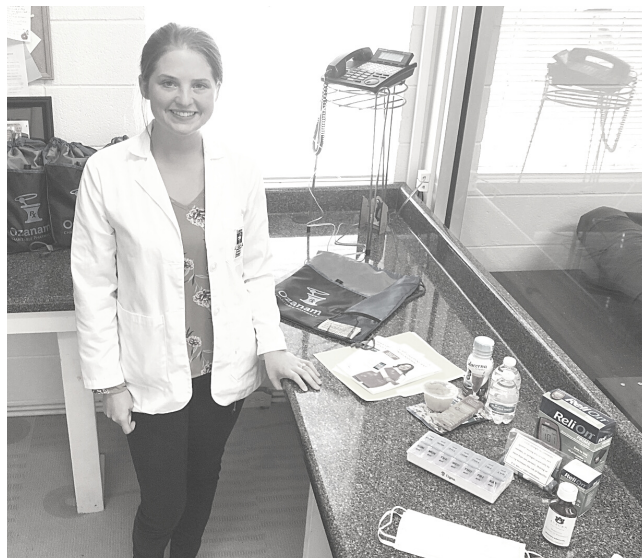
Shearie Archer,
Executive Director

DYNAMIC PHARMACY STUDENTS HELP OZANAM CONDUCT DIABETIC STUDY

Dedicated community partnerships are vital to Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy's ability to impact the lives of our patients. Thanks to a special grant made possible by former U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Regina Benjamin, and the Gulf States Center for Health Policy, Ozanam conducted a recent study of our diabetic patients. Under the direction of pharmacists Dr. Marlena Kelley and Dr. Kevin Astle, pharmacy students contacted patients to determine the impact of the pandemic on their overall health and daily living.

Survey results showed that among this sample of vulnerable patients, 48% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that diabetes takes up too much of their mental and physical energy. Patients with higher A1C values, and those experiencing more symptoms of depression as measured by the PHQ2, may be more likely report difficulty with picking up their medications due to COVID. Patients with less awareness of personal treatment options may also have greater difficulty picking up medications during the COVID-19 pandemic. Transportation, cost, work schedules, and difficulty making appointments with PCPs were all mentioned as factors that affected access to patients' medications. Outreach efforts and interventions may focus on increasing patient awareness of diabetes treatment options, as well as facilitating and coordinating the patients' access to PCPs for routine appointments and medication refills. Special emphasis may be placed on improving their mental health and wellness, to help them reduce difficulties with medication adherence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to the study, participants were offered one of our COVID Care Packs (CCP), a back pack filled with diabetic-friendly resources such as testing strips, a glucometer, alcohol swabs and Band-Aids, masks, hand sanitizer, water bottles and healthy snacks. Participating pharmacy students expressed their appreciation for the experience of having direct contact with the patients, who were so graciously accommodating and candid in their responses. Likewise, our patients appreciated the CCP and the Pharmacy's thoughtful concern. Thanks to all involved, the diabetic study was a "win-win" for our patients and the pharmacy profession!



AUHSOP student, Kayleigh Stringer, presented COVID Care Back Packs, with useful resources for our dear patients to manage their health during the pandemic.



AUHSOP students, Tristan Hughes, Jennifer Nguyen, and Jourdan Pendley we're also among the student facilitators of the Diabetic Study program.



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