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A GROWING VILLAGE, A BRIGHTER VISION FOR OUR MISSION & VACCINES!

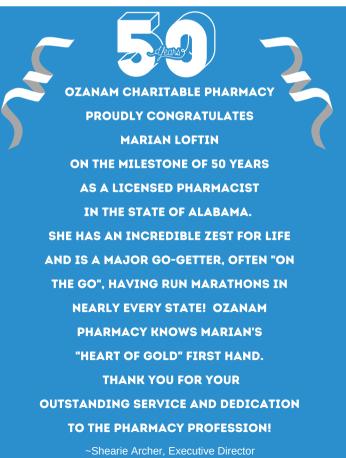
By Shearie Archer, Executive Director

At Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, hope truly does anchor the soul! Through this ongoing season of global health challenge, our growing village of dedicated staff, volunteers and students have remained strong and ever vigilant in their commitment to the soul of our mission...our dear patients! This issue serves as our Annual Report, and includes information on the progress you helped us to make this past fiscal year. We're excited to welcome new members to The Oz Squad, including our board treasurer Mike Molyneux, and two new at-large board members, Dr. Gloria Good-Boutte' and Dr. Russell Stevens. We're also proud to celebrate one of our very special team members, pharmacist Marian Loftin, on 50 years of service to the profession in Alabama.

Our community partnerships have become stronger and we've even added new ones! Furthermore, we couldn't let COVID-19 block our fun and fundraising efforts, so mark your calendar for Thursday, June 24th and plan to join us for the "3rd Annual Jazz & Cocktails: Rx For A Cause"! This premiere fundraiser will feature live entertainment and dancing, a silent auction, a jazz trivia game, raffle prizes and more...all in a socially-distanced environment! Thanks to your prayers and support, during the most challenging year of our lives, we at Ozanam know that hope is on the horizon for continuing our special mission in the months ahead!

MARIAN LOFTIN: RECOGNIZED FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE





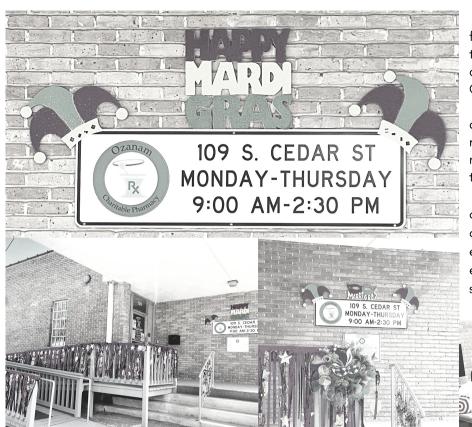
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: MEET PHARM.D CANDIDATE, TAYLOR ROE



Native Mobilian, Taylor Roe is a 2021 PharmD. Candidate from the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy. Of her inspiration to become a pharmacist, Taylor said, "I knew I wanted to care for patients, but I have been known to pass out at the sight of blood. That led me to pharmacy! With pharmacy, I have the opportunity to collaborate with other healthcare professionals and help patients. This five-week rotation was my first time volunteering at Ozanam. I hope to be back in the near future!" She mentioned that what she liked most about her experience at Ozanam was that the staff will do everything in their power to get a patient what he or she needs. "If we didn't have a medication, the staff will try to find a way to get it. If a patient needs medical supplies, Ozanam will try to provide them. If a patient is hungry or homeless, Ozanam is there to help...the community should support Ozanam because of the amazing service they provide to those in need. Non-profits depend on support from their communities and without volunteers and donations, Ozanam would not be able to function as it does," she said.

During Taylor's spare time, she enjoys going to her family's beach house on Dauphin Island, AL, "We have a black lab named Trader, and he loves to go swimming at the beach!" Her most interesting job was as a nanny for several summers, throughout college and pharmacy school, which she said wasn't an unusual job, but the kids always kept things interesting! Taylor's favorite TV show is The Office, and her favorite recipe is her grandmother's homemade carrot cake, which reminds her of her grandmother every time she makes the cake from scratch for her Dad's birthday. Taylor's personal philosophy is, "life is short so enjoy it while you can!" Everyone at Ozanam wishes Taylor Roe all the very best. We're confident she'll be an asset to the profession!

A PANDEMIC COULDN'T RAIN ON OZANAM'S PORCH PARADE!



"Born to Celebrate" couldn't be a better slogan for a city that just wouldn't let a pandemic rain on their inaugural Mardi Gras Porch Parade! Thanks to a dynamic group of revelers, an alternative Mardi Gras celebration blossomed into one incredible community-wide menage of merriment! Citizens all across Mobile stepped up to be part of the neighborhood eye-candy which temporarily replaced moon pies flying through the air, to make this year's carnival season one safe, sassy soiree!

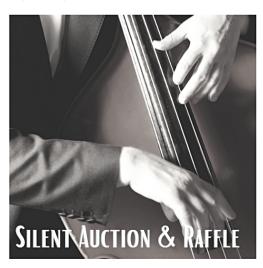
Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy even livened-up our front porch to spread a little cheer and get in on the fun! In lieu of throws, we offered something even better. Donations from A Servant's Love enabled us to distribute much-needed food, sundries, and PPEs to our dear patients!



SAVE THE DATE: PREMIERE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER - JUNE 25TH!







COMING SOON



SAVE THE DATE



3rd annual

Jazz & Cocktails Rx For A Cause

FRIDAY. 06.25.21 @ THE GRAND HALL

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A THANK YOU LETTER TO OUR SUPPORTERS...

We appreciate your having made the choice to support Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy this past year. Thanks to you, our organization and the patients we serve are a proven network of soul survivors! Thank you for joining us as we reflect on the "Roaring 2020"! You helped make the difference in our ability to remain a vital medication safety net for many uninsured individuals in Southwest Alabama during a global pandemic. Now more than ever, Americans are being forced to choose between filling life-saving medications or paying rent and buying food. We are happy to report that Alabama is one of 29 states that has passed 46 new laws to rein in drug prices. In 2019, the Alabama State Senate passed a bill to address the high cost of prescription drugs. Senate Bill 73, sponsored by State Senator Arthur Orr (R-Decatur), prohibits pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) from restricting pharmacies and pharmacists from disclosing cost information to patients about alternative drugs or other services and costs. This bill also requires PBMs to register with the Department of Insurance.

While our country's leadership on national and state levels continue to work on the medication issues, Ozanam is committed to taking care of those who are struggling to gain access to medication. Nearly 40% of our patients have diabetes, and many require insulin to treat their condition. That vial of insulin may cost as much as \$300, and we've seen some patients who take four vials each month. That's \$1,200 a month for individuals who may only make \$12,000 annually or – as is the case for many of our patients – much less. While there still remains much work to be done to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable prescription medicine, Ozanam continues to serve the community as the medication safety net because of your support. Each month more than 1464 persons in southwest Alabama get essential, often lifesustaining prescription medications, at no cost from the Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy. These are mostly working poor individuals, some now unemployed due to the pandemic, who face staggering prescription costs, having no access to public or private health insurance.

With support from people like you, Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy purchased more than \$100,000 worth of generic medications with a focus on maintenance drugs for conditions such as high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, seizure disorders, stomach and gastrointestinal health conditions, etc. In the fiscal year 2019-20 (October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020), Ozanam dispensed 25,000 generic prescriptions, many of which were for a 90-day supply, to over 1464 patients. In combination with our Access Your Rx Patient Assistance Program, which connects our patients to name-brand prescription medicine from pharmaceutical and foundation Patient Assistance Programs, we provided needy residents of Mobile, Baldwin, Escambia, and Washington counties with over \$2.5 million in medication. With your support, we hope to ensure that no uninsured resident in our service area will go without the medication they need because they cannot pay.

We appreciate your support, and our doors are always open for you to visit us. It takes a village to deliver one pill. Thank you for being a part of our village.

Shearie Archer

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FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Statement of Activities For the Years Ended September 30, 2020 and 2019

Unrestricted Net Assets	2020	2019
Support and revenue:		
SARPC	\$50,000	\$50,000
City of Mobile	\$13,000	\$13,000
Mobile County	\$20,611	\$24,916
United Way	\$40,379	\$36,297
Contributions and grants	\$401,552	\$276,776
Contribution In Kind	\$2,733,773	\$1,839,335
Fundraising Income	\$1,881.00	\$24,108
Other income	\$1,788	\$3,508
Investment Income	\$1,888	\$2,152
Total unrestricted:		
Support and revenue	\$3,263,373	\$2,300,092
Net assets released from restrictions:	\$0	\$0
Expenses:		
Program expenses	\$3,191,735	\$2,238,523
General and administrative	\$69,234	\$68,411
Total expenses	\$3,260,696	\$2,306,934
Change in net assets	(\$2,404)	(\$6,842)
Net assets, beginning of year	\$249,295	\$256,137
Net assets, end of year	\$251,699	\$235,370

COMMUNITY PARTNERS: THE HEART OF OUR MISSION

We Thank You

FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING COVID-191







































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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING DEDICATION AND SUPPORT OF OZANAM'S SPECIAL MISSION!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MEET ANA-CATHERINE TRAN



We are delighted to welcome Ms. Anna-Catherine Tran, an undergrad student at The University of South Alabama, majoring in biology. Ana was born and raised in Mobile, AL. She has been working in the pharmacy field since her freshman year of college because she enjoys the pace of the environment and the patient interactions. Ana joined Ozanam's team as a part-time staff member in December 2020. "There are so many things that I love about Ozanam Pharmacy, it would be impossible to list them all. However, the thing I have come to love most are the people. It is clear that the true intention and ministry of this Pharmacy is merely to help less fortunate patients get the medications and service that they deserve. Every single individual that works or volunteers here is selfless and it is truly a beautiful place to be. The community should support Ozanam Pharmacy because as a community it is important to help support individuals that are less fortunate. With the community's support we can truly help save lives," she said.

In Ana's free time, she enjoys painting and drawing. She also has 2 dogs that she loves dearly, named Mac and Sam, along with 3 parakeets! "The most interesting job I've had was working as a pharmacy technician in a hospital pharmacy, where I was also trained to work in the I.V. room making the I.V. bags and medications for patients. That is a skill that I will always hold close to my heart," she said. When asked about her favorite book, "I absolutely love reading. I will always read anything written by John Greene or Lemony Snicket." Ana's favorite meal would be anything her mom cooks for her. Regarding her personal philosophy, she said, "It is to count your blessings and treasure things that are important to you. Treasuring the blessings that God has given to you is so important, especially in hard times." One of her favorite bible quotes is: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," Philippians 4:13. This is a verse that Ana holds close to her heart, and uses it as a constant reminder that she is always taken care of by Christ. Ana's dedication continues to be a blessing to the staff and patients of Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy!

FAITH, HOPE, AND "A SERVANT'S LOVE!"

At Ozanam, we take a wholistic approach to our patient's good health.

Thanks to our partnership with the
A Servant's Love fresh food distribution program, you might have to start calling us

Ozanam Charitable
"Farm"acy!!

Support from local United Way of Southwest Alabama partner organizations, such as "A Servant's Love" (ASL) is blessing to Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy and a vital part of our service mission! Because of this valuable connection, each month the Pharmacy receives hundreds of pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables, meat and poultry, dairy and cereal to share with our homeless patients. This support extends further to our patients of low-wealth who face increasing challenges with food insecurity during the ongoing pandemic.

"We at Ozanam Pharmacy are eternally grateful for dedicated community support in providing much-needed food and sundries from Lisa and Robert Davis, and the whole team at "A Servant's Love", said Shearie Archer, Executive Director of Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy. "Our patients faced considerable challenges well before the COVID-19 pandemic fell upon us, yet the burden of food insecurity has been greatly improved for our dear patients thanks to the blessing of the ASL partnership." Archer said.

For the past year ASL's Lisa Davis has contacted Ozanam Pharmacy to inform us of the availability of food and sundries for pick-up at a local holding facility. Once we arrive, their team of volunteers help to load up our vehicles with quality products to share with more than 1464 uninsured patients and their families. For more information please visit www.aservantslove.org.

VOLUNTEER. DONATE. ADVOCATE: JOIN "THE OZ SQUAD"!

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy has weathered the storms of COVID-19, Hurricane Sally, and Hurricane Zeta with grace and zeal! After all, what is a safety net for if you can't access it when needed most? Thanks to "The Oz Squad", a host of dedicated community partners and volunteers, stellar pharmacy students and staff, we've kept our heads above water, and our doors open to more than 1464 uninsured individuals throughout Mobile, Baldwin, Escambia and Washington counties! Volunteers are vital to Ozanam's day to day operations, as they are our frontline resource in greeting our patients, distributing completed prescription orders, telephone inquires, troubleshooting concerns, and by simply being that smiling face and encouraging word to uplift our patients when they visit our office. Furthermore, our volunteers do an amazing job of illuminating our lobby with holiday themed decorations throughout the year, which many of our patients have expressed really brightens their day.

We welcome you to become a part of our ongoing service mission by helping to spread the word about our services, whether that's via your social media, or just good ole-fashioned word of mouth. Consider volunteering a couple of days a week at our office to assist with light clerical work and prescription distribution. Please contact us at (251) 432-4111 to request a volunteer application. To donate, visit our website at www.ozanmpharmacy.org or simply text "GIVE" to (251) 244-2974. The Oz Squad hopes to welcome you soon!





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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. Please use the enclosed envelope for donations of any type, or donate online at www.ozanampharmacy.org. You may also text "GIVE" to 251-244-2974. Like us on Facebook. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram.