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PARTNERSHIPS, AND A PHARM.D. AND PRODUCE RX...OH MY!!

Executive Director, Shearie Archer

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy is literally on its "P's and Q's" these days, with outstanding community partnerships, a stellar Pharm.D. on our board of directors, and a dynamic new fresh "Produce Rx Program" food distribution program have all presented themselves in our quest to remain Alabama's quintessential community health resource! Though the COVID-19 pandemic seems to have set in again, we're blessed to be part of the solution as local news outlets have highlighted our efforts to inform the public and help to stop the spread! Our mission is also made stronger as a teaching organization, as we nurture the future of the profession, as Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy's P4 students share poignant patient outreach experiences that enhance their determination to become outstanding pharmacists! Ultimately, these important strides are all made possible by the generosity and compassion of corporate, community and foundational partners, as well as individual supporters like you! Let's keep the momentum going, shall we? Together we will continue to push through 2022!

OZANAM IN THE NEWS: ANNIE DANIELS TALKS COVID-19 TESTING



Anne Daniels, chief pharmacist at Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, was recently interviewed by NBC 15 News reporter, Ken McGrath, during a segment on the significance of COVID-19 home testing kits. While COVID-19 cases are on the rise in Mobile, the availability of home testing kits in stores is scarce. Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy was able to secure ample testing kits for its clients and staff, which is a blessing because, "a lot of our volunteers are retired people with certain vulnerabilities and medical conditions", she said. During the segment, Mrs. Daniels stressed the importance of following the directions carefully to ensure an accurate result, "I was surprised by how lengthy the directions were in the [home testing] package, because when you check online, there may be four key steps, yet the first mention on the packaged instructions is to read the instructions all the way through."

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy continues to monitor local and CDC pandemic guidelines, with staff members and volunteers remaining masked in the office setting for the safety and protection of the 1233 patients we serve.

MEET NEW BOARD MEMBER: KEVIN ASTLE, PHARM.D.



We're honored to welcome Kevin Astle, Pharm.D., BCPS, AAHIVP, to the Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy board of directors! Currently serving as an Assistant Clinical Professor at the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy (AUHSOP), Dr. Astle has also been instrumental as a student preceptor for Ozanam's student education partnership and with conducting research studies of our patients, which have been included in major health science publications. His range of experience also includes fundraising, program planning and evaluation, developing continuing education programs for the AUHSOP, and serving on educational planning committees for national organizations. Dr. Astle has participated in inter-agency committees for both state and national pharmacy organizations and he has collaborated with other pharmacists on a host of research projects. An outstanding public speaker, he is an instructor, and he has presented continuing education programs. Fluent in information technology, he has become an expert for the school and in clinical settings. Dr. Astle has written and published several manuscripts, newsletters and press release and conducted special events for local, state and national organizations.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS TEAM UP FOR OZANAM'S NEW PRODUCE RX PROGRAM



Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy has recently partnered with American Heart Association (AHA) and A Servant's Love (ASL) to present the new, *"Produce Rx Program"*. It is important to take medicine along with healthy food. For many patients in our community who are of low wealth, acquiring medicine and food are often major challenges. Since food provides nutrients, vitamins and antioxidants that are essential to the effectiveness of medical treatment, this program is the perfect fit. Currently a pilot program, which provides 25 patients with fresh produce each month, 13 of whom are diabetic patients, the opportunity to receive free fresh produce has the greatest potential for positive health outcomes. "We are truly grateful for Ozanam's patients to have access to fresh produce, which these days, costs so much money. The Produce Rx Program is yet another resource that our patients won't have to buy, in addition to the free medication assistance," said Shearie Archer, Executive Director of Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy. Prior to this program, Ozanam had already begun to partner with A Servant's Love, Inc. for the *Ozanam FARM-acy Program*, which provides free fresh produce to patients. Furthermore, special parcels filled with a variety of non-perishable foods, sundries and PPEs for Ozanam's homeless patients are made available.

To qualify for the Produce Rx Program, Ozanam's patients must participate in an assessment program to determine their medical and economic needs. If the patient is deemed food-insecure, they qualify to receive these resources. "Everything that is inexpensive seems to be the least healthy for us. Senior citizens have expressed that they cannot afford to purchase healthy food items due to limited resources, therefore they have issues with the effects of poor nutrition, such as indigestion, making their chronic illnesses worse", said Lisa Davis, cofounder of ASL. What the Produce Rx Program does is meet people where they are, with education and resources to better their health. The Produce Rx Program is made possible by a grant from American Heart Association (AHA). Ken Duffy, Director of Health Strategies for the AHA, shared that the organization is grounded in the science of how balanced nutrition impacts health, "Many of our neighbors in the community face some significant challenges when it comes to securing healthy food due to living in food desert areas, lacking nearby grocery stores and lacking reliable transportation to access healthy foods." Community support is also essential to the ongoing success of this pilot program. Donations to purchase boxes, nutrition labels, printer ink cartridges, and tape in order to assemble and transport these resources, and to acquire increased amounts of food to meet the majority of the demand, are all keys to the program's ongoing success. Volunteers are always needed to sort, pack and load the fresh produce boxes. For information on how to donate and/or volunteer, please contact Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy at 251-432-4111 or visit ozanampharmacy.org.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS: YOUR COMPASSION IS A BLESSING TO OZANAM'S MISSION

We are eternally grateful that you have made the choice to support Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy this past year. Because of you, our organization and the patients we serve are a proven network of soul survivors! You helped make the difference in our ability to continue our vital medication safety net for many uninsured individuals in Southwest Alabama during a global pandemic.

While a new administration continues to work on key medication issues, Ozanam is committed to taking care of those who struggle to gain access to medication right here in our local community. Nearly 40% of our patients have diabetes, and many require insulin to treat their condition. That vial of insulin may cost as much as \$400, and we've seen some patients who take four vials each month. That's \$1,600 a month for individuals who may only make \$12,000 annually or – as is the case for many of our patients – far less than that. While much work is to be done to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable prescription medicine, Ozanam remains steadfast in its service to the community as a leading charitable medication safety net because of your support. Each month more than 1233 persons in southwest Alabama get essential, often life-sustaining prescription medications, at no cost, from the Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy. These are mostly working poor individuals, some still facing unemployment since the COVID-19 global pandemic began, 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 2020-21 (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021), Ozanam dispensed 20,000 generic prescriptions, many of which were for a 90-day supply, to over 1233 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 \$2.7 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 due to limited financial resources.

Again, we sincerely 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, Executive Director



Wiley Christian III, Board Chairman



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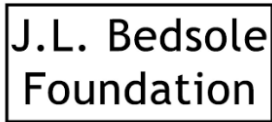
Statement of Activities

For the Years Ended September 30, 2021 and 2020

Unrestricted Net Assets	2021	2020
Support and revenue:		
SARPC	\$71,250	\$50,000
City of Mobile	\$13,000	\$13,000
Mobile County	\$24,360	\$20,611
Paycheck Protection Program Income	\$39,600	--
United Way	\$42,553	\$40,379
Contributions and Grants	\$308,212	\$401,552
Contribution In Kind -Prescription Assistance Program	\$1,607,529	\$2,733,773
Contribution In Kind -Pharmaceuticals	\$1,105,278	--
Contribution In Kind - Donated Services	\$125,740	
Fundraising Income	\$38,979	\$382
Other income	\$2,170	\$1,788
Investment Income	\$1,002	\$1,888
Total Unrestricted:		
Support and revenue	\$3,379,751	\$3,263,373
Net assets released from restrictions	\$0	\$0
Expenses:		
Program expenses	\$3,227,278	\$3,191,735
General and administrative	\$75,723	\$69,234
Total expenses	\$3,303,001	\$3,260,696
Change in net assets	\$76,750	\$2,404
Net assets, beginning of year	\$251,699	\$249,295
Net assets, end of year	\$328,449	\$251,699

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Thank you for your dedication and
generous support of the Ozanam mission!

This past year, Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy has managed to stand strong throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and a challenging coastal hurricane season due to the generous support of our major donors and community partners. Because of the compassion and generosity of so many, the Ozanam medications safety net has remained in-tact in service to our patients...and the need is growing! Thanks also to "The Oz Squad", a host of community partners who provide in-kind donations, along with several dedicated volunteers, stellar pharmacy students and staff, we've kept our heads above water, and our doors open, to nearly 1233 uninsured individuals throughout Mobile, Baldwin, Escambia and Washington counties!

You can become a vital part of our ongoing service mission. Please help spread the word about our services. Whether that's via your social media, or just good ole-fashioned word of mouth. Volunteer at our office to assist with light clerical work and disseminating prepared prescription orders. Visit us online at ozanampharmacy.org for more information, or call (251) 432-4111 to request a volunteer application. To donate, simply text "GIVE" to (251) 244-2974. We appreciate your support and look forward to hearing from you real soon! :)

USA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDENTS: RAISING AWARENESS AND SUPPORT FOR OZANAM!



It's been most exciting to welcome a team of stellar students, from the University of South Alabama Physician Assistant Program, to The OZ Squad! This dynamic group of enthusiastic students conducted their first community outreach activity by accompanying Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy at the AKA Sorority sponsored, Live Well Health Fair and COVID Testing event in Fall 2021. During the event, the students conducted several blood pressure screenings and answered a host of related questions about best practices for managing hypertension. The event successfully brought together a broad range of community health and service organizations. There was also a mainstage program featuring medical professionals addressing a range of COVID-19 testing and safety precautions, along with poignant testimonials about their experiences while caring for patients battling severe cases of COVID-19, and their having to inform devastated families of the severity of their loved one's conditions, in order to drive home the need for understanding the science, and encouraging taking actions toward prevention. The USA Physician Assistants group went the extra-mile for Ozanam by conducting a "Spirit Night" event at Taco Mama in Midtown Mobile, which raised more than \$500 for our mission! We look forward to continuing to partner with these dedicated students on future community health outreach opportunities throughout the year.

MTM IMPACTS PATIENTS AND STUDENTS: VALERIE NICHOLSON SHARES HER EXPERIENCE



For the past three years, Valerie Nicholson said she has had the pleasure and opportunity to benefit from clinical rotations at Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, which her most current rotation was her best by far. "Being a part of the medication therapy management (MTM) service, and being able to collaborate with patients and their physicians, has made this experience one of the best clinical experiences I've had," she said. The encounter that made such a significant impact was with a patient, whom we'll call "Raymond", a 49 year-old African American male, who suffered a stroke in 2020. He is also a diabetic patient who suffers from hypertension. He recently started using the services at Ozanam, yet some of his medications had not been transferred to the pharmacy. After the first encounter we identified that the patient was in need of additional therapies stemming from his stroke in 2020. The medications needed were Lipitor and an a RAAS system inhibitor (angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor or angiotensin II receptor blockers). The Lipitor was needed to reduce the production of bad cholesterol and to RAAS system inhibitors were needed to protect the patient kidneys which can be affected by his diabetes. "I was able to collaborate with his primary physician and the nurse to get these medications started for the patient. The patient was not very good at keeping up with his medications on his own. His sister was in charge of caring for him and making sure his medications were filled. He and his sister were very appreciative of the effort we were willing to put forth in securing both his diabetic supplies and medications. "The encounter made me feel so empowered, and I have a newfound love for medication therapy management."

PHOTO GALLERY: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 3RD ANNUAL JAZZ & COCKTAILS FUNDRAISER!



Board Member Peyton Lazzari and guests.



Premiere sponsor, Gardberg & Kemmerly and guests.



Guests of Board members Sr. Marilyn Graf and Mary Stone



Committee chairman, Lanny Russell greeted and worked along with volunteers and supporters!



Chief pharmacist, Anne Danniels, lead a rousing second line along with The Excelsior Band!



Board member Dr. Allison Chung-Tice (l) with new sponsors from Competitive Ink and friends!



Guests of premiere sponsor, Gardberg & Kemmerly Attorneys at Law, said this was Ozanam's best event ever!



The Excelsior Band leader, Hosea London Sr. (l), with vocalist, Kamilla Ali and saxophonist, Alvin King.



Board member and supporter, Dr. Gloria Good Boutte' (r) with friends.

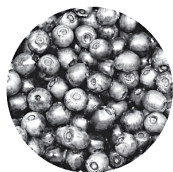
PATIENT CARE PERSPECTIVES: CHAD HARTLEY'S MTM EXPERIENCE



Chad Hartley, a fourth-year pharmacy student at the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy, during his recent rotation at Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, interviewed a patient who had been using Ozanam services for several years before discontinuing about 5 months before the Medication Therapy Management (MTM) encounter. The patient got recertified and began to receive her medications filled at Ozanam again. During the MTM interview, Chad asked her if she had had any trouble getting her medications, and she stated that she had "not felt like it and transportation was hard, but she was past that now." He then asked her what she meant. This was her response (paraphrased) "I was having a hard time coming to get my medications because I don't have a car, and I don't want to take the bus or walk alone. I have PTSD from people following me, or verbally assaulting me while walking, or after getting off the bus. In the past few months, I had seen several relatives have complications from diabetes, which caused them to be hospitalized, have amputations, and even pass away. I'm not going to be like that. They were too young to die from preventable diseases, but they didn't want to help themselves. I don't want to be like that. I'm too young to be on this many medications. I was in the Army when I was young. When I applied to the Army they told me I was 15lbs too heavy, so I worked out like crazy and ate super healthy and lost 20lbs in a month. I have always been a fighter, and I can do that again now. I want to lose 45lbs by March, and I've started doing home workouts on YouTube. I want to be off these diabetes and blood pressure medications, all of the medications except my allergy medications." About this experience, Chad said, "I think this story is really representative of much of the patient population here at Ozanam. Many individuals really want to be off their medications, or take their medications as they should, but they have trouble with transportation or other issues that prevent them from getting, or from taking their medications as they would like to. I think seeing patients such as this changes my perspective on patients who are non-adherent, and it makes me appreciate the effort that Ozanam goes through to help, and to stay in contact with their patient population."

SNACKING HEALTHY

Instead of reaching for the chips, try these tasty options!



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HISTORY
MONTH**

Learn from the Past

INSIDE OZANAM PHARMACY: THIS IS HOW WE DO IT!



Ozanam's Golden Lady, Marian Loftin, a certified pharmacist in AL for 50 years, along with volunteer pharmacist, David Wancowicz,.



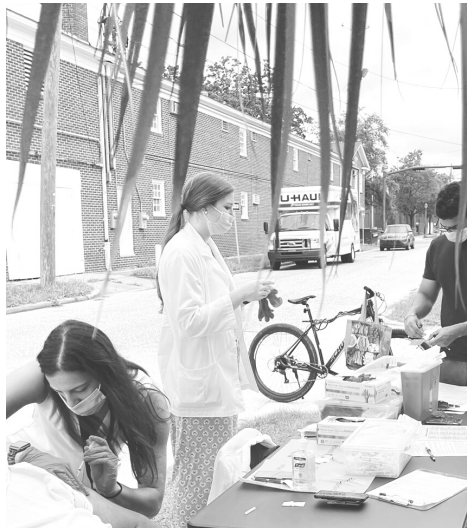
Pharmacy Tech, Edith Turner, and friends collected food and sundries for Ozanam's homeless patients.



Doug Cook, Patient Relations Coordinator, checks on prescriptions and helps keep certifications up to date.



Anne Daniels accepts a special donation from community partners at Pulmonary Associates of Mobile.



USA Health Systems students conducted one of 4 COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics in Ozanam's parking lot.



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



Long-time volunteer and chocolate enthusiast", Emil Graf, enjoyed a special milestone birthday party in Ozanam's break room.



Ozanam patient, Mark L., expressed his appreciation by making a custom plaque for Anne Daniels' desk.



Retired seniors who serve as volunteers in various capacities also enhance our patient service experience.



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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 or you may donate online at www.ozanampharmacy.org. You may also text "GIVE" to 251-244-2974.

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