

THE OZANAM PRESCRIPTION

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WHAT'S NEW?

- \$250K GRANT FROM DIRECT RELIEF
- BAYOU ON THE MOVE
- JINGLE MINGLE 2022

WELCOME TO THE OZ
SQUAD!
Our New Board
Member...

Where We've Been...

A Word from Mrs. Shearie J. Archer, Executive Director

With the new year upon us, we take time to look back and reflect. Inside of this issue, we are thankful for the ability to continue to help those less fortunate than ourselves. We are excited that we are able to spread the word about our progress as a charitable pharmacy, and that we continue to draw new patients as well as support to help take care of them. We are glad for the time we have with each other and the ability to celebrate personal growth and change. As COVID-19 variants continue to fade and change, we appreciate everyone who has supported our mission and helped keep our door open to those who are health insurance and income challenged. We are healthy and able to educate and take care of the masses. Before pushing forward, let's pause to be grateful that we have an abundance to share with others, and move with confidence into the future.

Zakiyyah Williams is Owner/CEO of Exzellece Accounting Solutions, a remote accounting consulting and bookkeeping firm. She is a Newark, New Jersey native and first-generation college graduate of Feliciano Business School and Montclair State University (MSU), receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting/Finance through an integrated honors program. She is an accounting professional that holds a QuickBooks ProAdvisor certification, QuickBooks Online Advanced Certification, and advanced expertise in Microsoft Suite programs. She is actively pursuing an EA and CPA license with continuing education courses while growing her accounting consulting firm. Her wonder for understanding the language of business paired with a passion for education led to her involvement in many academic and leadership enriching programs, notably serving as a college mentor while holding a role as Vice Treasurer for MSU Accounting Society. She is co-founder of Prosperity Community Development Council, a 501c3 non-profit organization based in Prichard, Alabama, holding office as Secretary-Treasurer. She has years of experience in streamlining processes, budgeting, financial reporting, and account reconciliation from a variety of industries including government, non-profit and education. Her morals, integrity and professionalism are qualities many people appreciate.



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Congratulations Ozanam! 2022 Recipients of Direct Relief Grant



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Spotlight



Direct Relief

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy Receives a \$250,000 Grant Award from Direct Relief's Fund for Health Equity.

Mobile, Alabama, Dec. 12, 2022— Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy today announced it is among 71 awardees that received a grant from Direct Relief's Fund for Health Equity, which mobilizes financial resources for organizations focused on non-clinical interventions that affect a person's health. Commonly known as the social determinants of health, these factors include an individual's physical, social, cultural, and economic environment.

The grants, which total \$22.7 million and will be disbursed over two years, were awarded funding from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott, the AbbVie Foundation, and Eli Lilly and Co. to support underserved communities across the United States.

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy received \$250,000 from the Fund for Health Equity for its work to expand the Pharmacy hours to include Fridays from 9 am to 1 pm. Having access to the Pharmacy on Fridays to pick up medication will allow our patients to pick up a prescription before the weekend when the Pharmacy is closed.

Also, Direct Relief's Fund for Health Equity will assist Ozanam Pharmacy with continued collaboration with A Servant Love Incorporated to increase the health outcomes of the patients. The Nutrition Rx Program provides fresh produce to encourage improved nutrition of more fruits and vegetables, improve blood pressure, blood glucose control, and weight status, and minimize food insecurity.

"We are extremely excited about receiving the Direct Relief's Funds for Health Equity to provide more access to life-sustaining treatment and nutrition for our patients. We are grateful to our Partnership with Direct Relief and MacKenzie Scott, the AbbVie Foundation, and Eli Lilly for this great opportunity," said Shearie Archer, Executive Director of Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy.

"We are pleased to bolster the indispensable work of Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy and other grassroots organizations striving to reduce disparities and increase equity in vulnerable populations across the United States," said Dr. Byron Scott, MD, MBA, Co-Chair of the Fund for Health Equity and Board Director of Direct Relief and Chair of its Medical Advisory Council. "It is a privilege to promote and support these organizations that are deeply connected to the communities they serve, know best what their patients and communities need, and the most effective means of providing it."

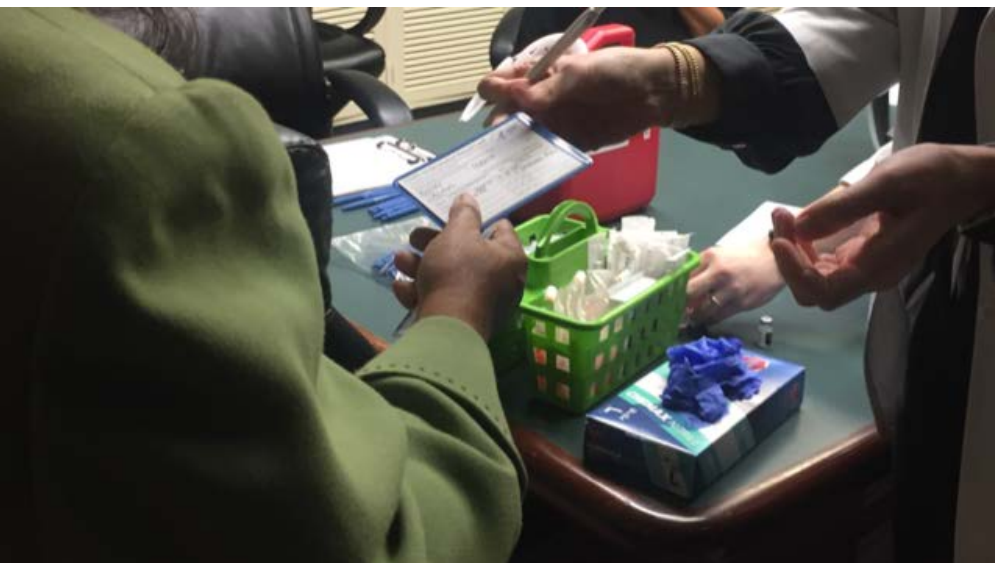
The organizations in the latest round of funding were chosen for their efforts to enhance workforce diversification, reduce health disparities, and expand innovative models of care.



VACCINE/BOOSTER POP-UP CLINIC



OZANAM PARTNERS WITH SEMMES PHARMACY & JH CLINICAL: Pictured from left to right - Dr. Jessica Hung with pharmacy student Sam Williams, Community Outreach Coordinator Ms. Nettie Stewart, Pharmacy Tech Chyanne Coe, and pharmacy students Mary Page Martin and Hannah Bricker.



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS! Your Kindness and Compassion Are a Blessing to Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy's Patients

We are eternally grateful that you have chosen to support Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy this past year. Here at Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, we witness the emergence of the human spirit every day. With your support, we are able not just to stand by but take action on building a solid medication safety net for our most vulnerable population.

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy is committed to caring for those who struggle to access medication in our local community. Nearly 40% of our patients have diabetes, and many require insulin to treat their condition. For example, five flex pens with 3ml (1 carton) of short-acting (Novolog) insulin may cost as much as \$242 with discounts from GoodRx. In addition, long-acting (Tresiba) insulin, like five FlexTouch pens of 100 units/ml (1 carton), may cost as much as \$172.00. That's \$414.00 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.

In addition to being a Medication Safety Net, we were also able to provide 30 chronically ill patients with fresh produce each month through the Rx Produce Program through a partnership with "A Servant Love, Inc." and the American Heart Association.

We continued to host Seven 4th Year Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy Students during their five weeks of rotations at Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy. Finally, we provided much-needed COVID-19 Vaccines and Flu shots to 20 patients with outreach to hundreds with funds provided by HRSA/Sostentos and with our partnership with Semmes Pharmacy and JH Clinical.

With support from people like you, Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy purchased nearly \$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 2021-22 (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022), Ozanam dispensed 20,000 generic prescriptions, many of which were for a 90-day supply, to over 1316 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 \$ 3 million in medication. With your support, we hope to ensure that no uninsured residents in our service area will go without the prescription 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 Oz Squad.



Shearie Archer

Wiley Christian, III

Shearie Archer, Executive Director

Wiley Christian III, Board Chairman

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Financial Statement Statement of Activities For the Years Ended September 30, 2021 and 2022

Unrestricted Net Assets	2022	2021
Support and revenue:		
SARPC	\$72,250	\$71,250
City of Mobile	\$13,000	\$13,000
Mobile County	\$33,736	\$24,360
Paycheck Protection Program Income	-	\$39,600
United Way	\$43,017	\$42,553
Contributions and grants	\$353,467	\$401,552
Contribution In Kind/ Prescription Assistance Program	\$1,839,870	\$1,607,529
Contribution In Kind -Pharmaceuticals	\$1,232,383	\$1,105,278
Contribution In Kind - Donated Services	\$135,655	\$125,740
Fundraising Income	\$32,591	\$38,979
Other income	\$2,404	\$2,170
Investment Income	\$881	\$1,002
Total unrestricted		
Support and revenue	\$3,758,214	\$3,379,751
Net assets released from restrictions	\$0	\$0
	Expenses	
Program expenses	\$3,758,214	\$3,222,732
General and administrative	\$97,164	\$80,269
Total expenses	\$3,708,883	\$3,303,001
Change in net assets	\$49,331	\$76,750
Net assets, beginning of year	\$328,449	\$251,699
Net assets, end of year	\$377,780	\$328,448

THANK YOU DONORS!

Alabama Free and Charitable Clinics
SARPC/Area Agency on Aging The
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Mapp Family Trust
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Ascension/Providence
Catholic Charities
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City of Mobile CDBG
Mobile County CDBG
Baldwin County Commission
Hill Crest Foundation
JL Bedsole Foundation
Crampton Trust
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McMillan Trust
Moses Foundation
United Way of Southwest
Alabama Holy Name of Jesus

Ozanam's Giving Tuesday, Holiday Appeal, and End of the Year Giving



Imagine having to choose between feeding your family or the ability to fill your life-sustaining medication. This past quarter, by simply opening and reading our letters and email messages, know that you are abundantly blessed! Many of our homeless neighbors and working poor must focus merely on survival. That's precisely why "The Oz Squad" must remain steadfast in our efforts to make access to medication a priority during these challenging times. Our vital medication safety net is a blessing to homeless, working poor, disabled and senior citizens. Ozanam is Alabama's only licensed charitable pharmacy helping our neighbors in Mobile, Baldwin, Escambia and Washington counties stay connected to their life-sustaining medications, and out of hospital emergency rooms, now for over 25 years. Fortunately, this quarter was filled with goodness for 1,316 uninsured patients who rely upon Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy's medication safety net. Because of generous donations from YOU, just from these three direct mail drives, you've helped to raise over \$20,000!

Roots of American Culture

A Cross-Country Visit with Living Treasures of the Folk and Traditional Arts



Celebrate with Mobile's Excelsior Band! To view this video, please visit <https://youtu.be/mFHvfhWKFT4>

Thank you SO MUCH for your continued and steadfast support!

MAWSS UWSWA Partner Agency Resource Fair



Viletta Beck and Alvea Bridges talking with customers and employees of the Mobile Area Water and Sewer System. This agency fair sponsored by United Way of Southwest Alabama, included agencies that came to share information about county-wide services that are available to the surrounding communities. Legal services, childcare, help with housing and food - a great variety and representation.

Ozanam at Bayou on the Move



Left: Raoul Richardson and Danny Patterson (blue shirt), Coalition Coordinator of Gulf States Health Policy Center. This large health fair served the community of Bayou La Batre. There were health screenings - blood pressure, diabetes, vision, HIV, and COVID-19 - also area agencies such as the Mobile County Health Department, WIC, and Center for Fair Housing, with a pantry box and toiletries donated by A Servant's Love.

Below: Pharmacy students from Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy, helping at Ozanam's booth administering blood pressure screenings and diabetes testing.

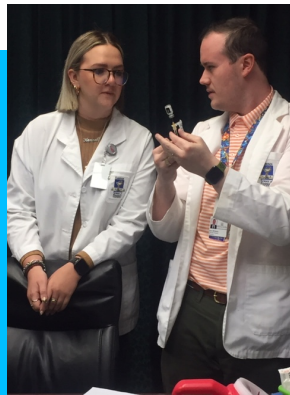


Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy Students: Learning and Growing at Ozanam



Hannah Bricker

During my time at Ozanam, I got to experience the different services they offer and the hard work that goes in to providing for their patients. While I was there, I reached out to patients to offer what I have learned in school to help them better manage their conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure, and ways they can make small lifestyle changes to greatly improve their health. I also assisted the pharmacists in filling prescriptions and getting to see community pharmacy from their point of view. I really enjoyed my time at Ozanam, getting to know the patients but also the incredible staff as well. My favorite part was being able to see the impact that Ozanam makes within their community and hearing from the patients what it means to them. I hope that when I become a pharmacist I can use this experience to better serve my community and my patients the way they do.



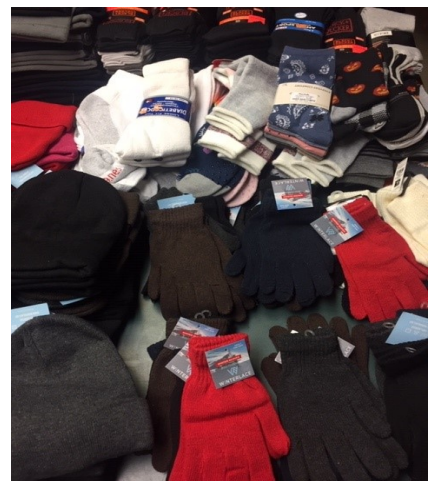
Sam Williams

During my time at Ozanam, I was able to do a little bit of everything that the pharmacy had to offer, but where I spent the most time was providing MTM services to the patients. Medication Therapy Management (MTM) is a specialized service that pharmacists are able to provide. MTMs consist of one-on-one meetings that can be done in person or over the phone between the pharmacist and patient where all medications that the patient takes is assessed. This assessment covers things such as efficacy, safety, and appropriateness of a patient's medication. During each of these visits I was not only able to supply information to those who needed it but supplies as well. For example, if patients needed diabetes testing supplies or blood pressure meters, these were supplied at no cost to the patient. Over the 5 weeks that I spent doing these MTMs with patients I was completed around 12 in total. For each MTM, I was able to identify a new need or barrier that went beyond the medication filling process for the patient. One of my most memorable interventions was that of a safety intervention when I discovered that a patient was taking too much insulin, causing hypoglycemic events which would get so severe the patient would have to call for an ambulance. I followed-up with this patient a couple weeks later to check in and the patient had not reported any signs of hypoglycemia since adjusting the insulin injections. My time at Ozanam was invaluable because I got to see a side of pharmacy that is not often highlighted for pharmacy students. Through this experience I was able to see another world of pharmacy and gain insight that I hope to adapt to my own pharmacy practice one day.

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Yearly Homeless Donations from A Dedicated Ozanam Volunteer

Ms. Edith Turner is a retired pharmacy technician, and has been a volunteer at Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy for almost two years. Having not only a heart for the mission at Ozanam, but also for people who are in need, Ms. Edith gets donations from her "Band of Angels" to put together bags specifically for the homeless. These bags not only include toiletries, food, blankets, socks, and rain gear, they also carry compassion, empathy and love. Thank you Ms. Edith and The Band of Angels for your heart-warming contribution.



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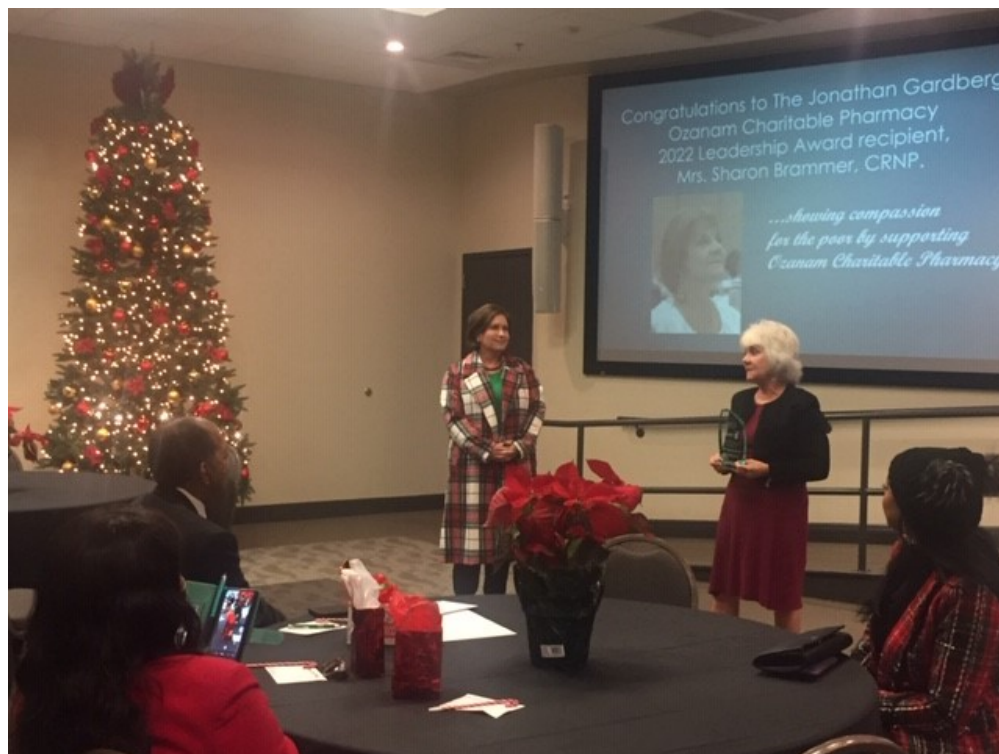


Ozanam's Holiday Luncheon was a BLAST! We played games, listened to wonderful music, and enjoyed the company of our guests and each other. Everyone was in good spirits and looked so pretty, we had to change our "Ugly Sweater" Contest into a "Most Inventive Sweater" Contest. In all, a lovely time was had by all as we started the holidays together.



2022 Leadership Award Honoree: Sharon Brammer, CRNP

***Congratulations to The Jonathan Gardberg Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy
2022 Leadership Award recipient, Mrs. Sharon Brammer, CRNP.
For the endless work you have done, showing compassion towards the
poor and supporting Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy.***



***Presented by Mrs. Christine Cumbie with Gardberg & Kemmerly
Attorneys at Law, P.C.***

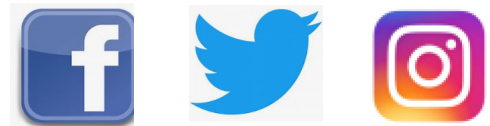


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Community support is vital to our mission. Your gift to mark an occasion or remember a deceased loved one is gratefully appreciated. Please use the enclosed envelope for donations or you may donate online at www.ozanampharmacy.org. You may also text "GIVE" to 251-244-2974.