

THE OZANAM PRESCRIPTION

Serving Mobile, Baldwin, Escambia and Washington Counties

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WHAT'S NEW?

- NEW AND IMPROVED NUTRITION RX PROGRAM
- NEW FRIDAY HOURS!
- COMMUNITY RENEWAL - 2023 PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

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

The Great Renewal...

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

We enter the new year bountiful and blessed! Spring has come and all is fresh and new. Inside of this issue, we are elated to share the improvements and rewards of our new growth. We have been afforded the luxury of sharing more time to provide our services. Our new partnerships have given us a chance to expand and provide our patients with healthy alternatives and educational resources to improve their well-being. We are also learning more about our partner agencies and how their growth positively affects change in the lives of the people in our surrounding communities. New growth gives us all an opportunity to stretch and reach for all that we thought was possible, and enables us to shine our light even brighter, increasing the field of vision for everyone to see the future that lies ahead. Let's spring forward together...

Jenny Kilpatrick is a licensed clinical social worker and has been with the Alabama Department of Public Health for seven years. She recently accepted the role as Social Work Director for the Southwestern District. She oversees various social work programs for the Southwest District and is eager to explore new ways to partner with community agencies to improve access to healthcare services in that region. She served as the ADPH Healthcare Coalition Coordinator for the Southwest District during the height of the COVID-19 response, working with medical partners and emergency management agencies to coordinate supplies, resources, testing, and vaccinations. Jenny also serves as the vice-chair of the Baldwin County Local Emergency Planning Committee. Due to her involvement in the areas and agencies she works for and the people she services, Jenny has experienced and witnessed how Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy fills such a vital need for the community. She is truly thrilled to have the opportunity to help advance Ozanam's mission.



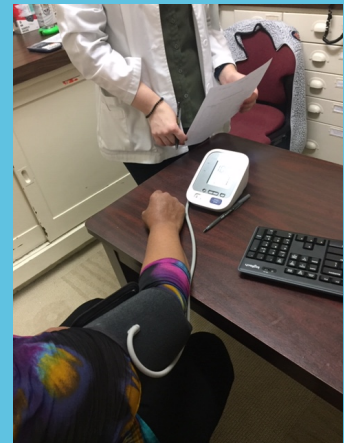
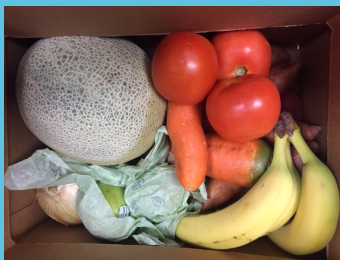
Congratulations Ozanam! Nutrition Rx Program Returns!



Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy 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.

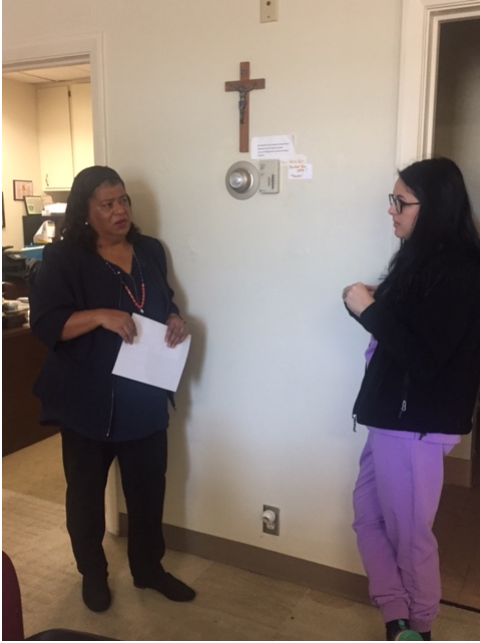
Through the grant awarded from Direct Relief's Fund for Health Equity, Ozanam Pharmacy is once again able to provide fresh produce for our patients by partnering with A Servant's Love Incorporated. This continued collaboration with A Servant Love Inc. allows us to increase the health outcomes of the patients. The Nutrition Rx Program not only provides fresh produce to encourage improved nutrition of more fruits and vegetables, but will also now focus on improving 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.

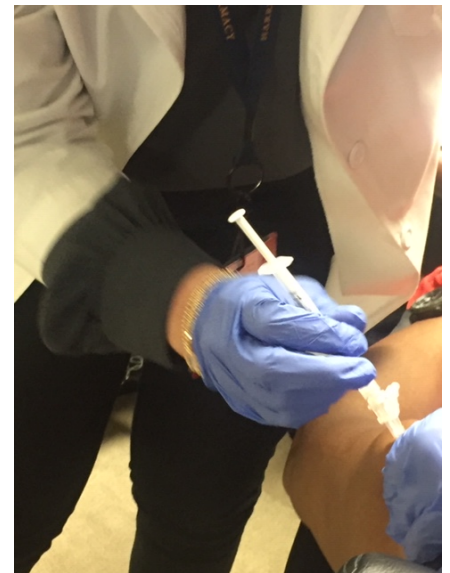




VACCINE/BOOSTER POP-UP CLINIC



OZANAM PARTNERS WITH SEMMES PHARMACY & JH CLINICAL: Pictured from left to right - Pharmacy Student Maggie Goode, Community Outreach Coordinator Ms. Nettie Stewart, Dr. Jessica Hung, Pharmacist, and Pharmacy Student Kena Lane.



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



IT'S JAZZ TIME!

Great fundraising event with an updated name! Come listen to soul stirring sax, sultry swing music, and be in a jazzy state of mind on June 30th at The Grand Hall. Come by the office or click on the event flier displayed on our website at www.ozanampharmacy.org to purchase tickets and become a sponsor to a worthy cause.

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy Presents

2023 OZANAM'S JAZZ EXTRAVAGANZA

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



Emily Whitehurst



Emily Whitehurst, P4 Student from Grand Bay, Alabama:

I chose to pursue pharmacy because I wanted to help people prioritize their health without touching blood! I love helping people anyway I can, and when I found out more about pharmacy by working in one, I felt that this was definitely my calling, especially seeing the impact it makes to help people get what they need and see improvements in their health over time! During my time at Ozanam, I learned a lot about the many services they provide, which are different from regular pharmacies. For instance, there is a lot of coordination with other agencies here at Ozanam to ensure the patient is being assisted with all their needs, not just prescriptions and over the counter medications which can be provided here. I was able to experience a lot of different activities at Ozanam, but I spent most of my time reaching out to patients and checking if they needed supplies or refills on their medications, as well as checking to see if they had any questions. I also assisted with health screenings for our brand new Nutrition program, where participants have their blood pressure, weight, and waist circumference measured monthly as they are given boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables monthly to assist with healthy eating! In addition to the food boxes, these patients also got information sheets detailing ways to get children to eat more fruits and veggies and tips on how to eat more protein, another important nutrient. Following these screenings, I was able to get in touch with patients' doctor's offices and let them know the results, if the patient wanted this done. I also got to attend a Career and Health Resource Fair with Ozanam in South Baldwin County where I got to share the work that we do at Ozanam and provide information on how to become a patient, not only with individuals, but also with other agencies in attendance so they could refer people. My favorite part of working with Ozanam has been seeing the effects their services have on the patients and seeing what a difference is being made. My time at Ozanam has really opened my eyes to the needs of the community I'm serving, as well as taught me some ways to help with those needs as I move forward into my own pharmacy practice.

2023 PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

Hosted by Housing First, Inc., this one-day resource fair has served the residents experiencing homelessness in Mobile and Baldwin counties since 2014. Together, we have been able to provide vital services, free of charge, to those most in need in our community.

First step - coming in and getting registered as a homeless client in order to receive necessary services throughout the resource fair.

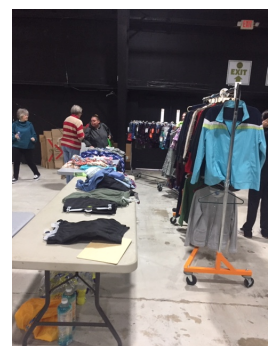


Room set aside for homeless residents to have legal issues and questions answered and resolved.

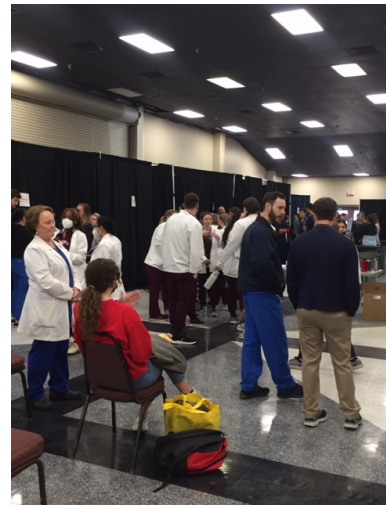
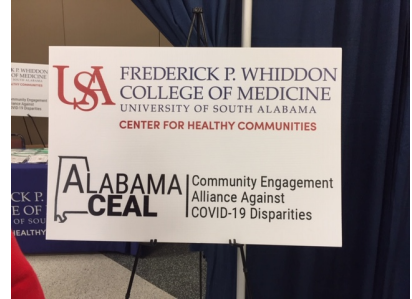
Just a couple of industries that were present to help with intake and training of potentially new employees.



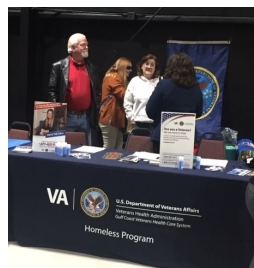
Pictured above are barbers providing a free haircut and shave, possibly restoring a sense of dignity to give people a new outlook on life. Below, clothing ministries providing fresh outerwear and shoes.



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Pictured above are the different health agencies that offer services to the homeless and uninsured. There were even a group of Physician's Assistants students from University of South Alabama helping with health screenings. Below are the agencies that help with housing, veterans, food insecurity, utilities, mental health, human resources, emergencies, victimization, physical abuse and crime.





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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.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH...



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