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WHAT'S NEW?







RETIRING FROM THE OZ SQUAD!

Our Award-Winning Chief Pharmacist...

As We Welcome Fall...

A Word from Mrs. Shearie J. Archer, Executive Director The oppressive heat of Summer is gone, and Fall has finally come. The cool air has given us a chance to exhale and refocus. Fall is a time to slow down and contemplate all that we have accomplished. However, we enter this season building onto an existing foundation with additions and improvements even better than before, gaining insight, cultivating new relationships, and developing established concepts to continue moving our mission of providing life-saving medications forward. As one door closes, another opens, allowing us to enter, view and receive new and fresh ideas on how to assist the most vulnerable with much needed resources. Even in this season where nature is taking a hiatus, we are rejoicing in our growth and ability to welcome change. Falling into a bounty of blessings...



ANNIE DANIELS IS RETIRING! One of the Legends of not just Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, but also of Mobile County, is leaving the building! Well, more like checking on us every now and then. She will now come in as needed - when she knows we need an extra hand, we need to hear her joyful laughter, or even when we need her to fuss at us to make sure we get it right! For 22 of the 42 years she's been a pharmacist, Annie Daniels, R.Ph., has been caring for all of us, managing the pharmacy, making sure our patients receive their medications and understand what they're taking and why, and sharing with the community and our donors about all the services Ozanam provides. Annie came to Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy in 2001 as a volunteer, and was hired full-time. For her, and for Ozanam, the position was "Heaven sent." She was humbled by the number of people who needed the services Ozanam provides, and since she knew how to manage a pharmacy from her previous employment with Eckerd Drugs, she was a perfect fit!

Annie, thank you for your years of award-winning service and dedication to the mission of Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy. You have been a blessing to all who have entered our doors. We are truly grateful for you and welcome every visit!

Welcome Back to Ozanam! New Chief Pharmacist Dr. Katelyn Bryan



Dr. Katelyn Bryan

I am a Class of 2020 graduate of Auburn University's Harrison School of Pharmacy. Before graduating, one of my fourth-year rotations was done here at Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy. During my previous experience at Ozanam, I enjoyed being able to interact and talk with patients about their health, and help them understand how their medications allow them to live healthier lives. I also enjoyed sharing knowledge with patients about small things they could do and/or change about their daily habits that would help them stay healthy. The opportunity to return as Ozanam's full-time pharmacist is a great blessing for me. One reason I chose to become a pharmacist is because of my mother. Before I entered pharmacy school, I was able to witness the positive impact medications made for her. Along with taking her prescriptions, she also made sure she did things daily to keep herself healthy and active. The medications she's taking not only help her to live a healthy life, but give her the energy she needs to run and play with my children the same way she played with me! A pharmacist helped provide that for my mom, and I'm excited to now be in a position to provide that for others who need it most, especially at a wonderful organization such as Ozanam.







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Thank you to our wonderful Board and all who participated in making our 2023 Ozanam's Jazz Extravaganza - An Rx For A Cause fundraiser an absolute success! Because of your support of our mission of providing medications at no cost, we raised over \$42,000!



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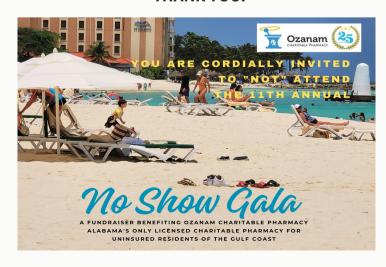
Surprise, Surprise!

The USA PA Class of 2023
Students were thinking about
Ozanam and our patients, and
surprised us with a donation of
almost \$9,500! What a lovely
and heartwarming graduation
gift. Thank you so much!

Sostento's UBER Health Rides now at Ozanam! We can now transport patients to medical appointments. Thank You Sostento!



Please visit our website and click on the picture below to donate to our 11th Annual "No Show Gala" www.ozanampharmacy.org THANK YOU!



It's That Time of Year Again...



Semmes Pharmacy & JH Clinical will be here on October 17th starting at 10:30AM for our Fall Vaccine Clinic. No appointment necessary.

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.











Fantastic Fridays at Ozanam



Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy received \$250,000 from Direct Relief's 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 receive their prescriptions before the weekend when the Pharmacy is closed.







United Way at BASF, Washington County

The United Way Pace-Setter Campaign Kickoff Party at BASF in McIntosh (Washington County), was a great success! BASF employees donate to United Way. In turn, United Way uses those donations to service the non-profit agencies of Washington County.



Providence Outreach, Senior Center & Guadalupe Center











Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy participated in an informational health fair that took place at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Cody Road. This health fair was sponsored by Providence Hospital and focused on diabetes prevention and the Hispanic community. Information was given out in Spanish for the ESL (English as a Second Language) participants. Health issues are a concern for everyone. Breaking the language barrier is important to ensure no one is left behind.

1st Annual Cooperative Health Fair at DWELL Mobile





Founded in 2015 by Jeri Stroade,
Dwell Mobile is a nonprofit that
provides post-resettlement
acclimation services and support to
refugee families who have relocated
to Mobile, Alabama. Their mission is
to provide resettled refugee families
practical support in their new life,
meaningful relationships with new
neighbors and opportunities to
develop a better future.







October is American Pharmacists Month!

LET'S PLAY A GAME!

Can you match the pharmacist to their discovery/pharmacological contribution? Take a guess, then check the answer key at the bottom of the page.













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- A born in New York, NY; well known works include the development of azathioprine which is used to fight rejection in organ transplants and developed the first successful antiviral drug acyclovir (ACV) used to treat herpes infections.
- B born in Albany, GA; major contributions include the use of bromsulphthalein for liver function tests, developed the antidote for mercury poisoning, and discovered the treatment for pneumoccocal pneumonia using sulfanilimide (sulfa drugs).
- C born in Minneapolis, MN; specialized in the pharmacology of drugs used in cancer chemotherapy, carcinogenesis, and chemical protection against radiation and alkylating agents.
- D born in Covington, KY; co-founder of DarPharma, Inc., most notable work done in researching dopamine for the treatment of Parkinson's disease and the cognitive memory deficits of schizophrenia.
- E born in Clarksdale, MS; studied the effects of chemical pollutants on the brain and identified Isradipine, a calcium blocker, that acts as an antidote to cocaine toxicity.
- F born in Brooklyn, NY; founder of the Nitric Oxide Society, nitric oxide research led to the development of Viagra and nutritional supplements designed for cardiovascular health and athletic performance.
 - 1 Louis Ignarro (F); 2 Dolores Shockley (E); 3 David E. Nichols (D)
 - 4 Gertrude Elion (A); 5 Sanford Rosenthal (B); 6 Margaret Kelly (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.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH ...







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