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The Ozanam Prescription

Pharmacy Hits Hard Times Needs Help to Continue Service

Due to recent cuts, Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy is facing one of the toughest financial situations the organization has faced in nearly 20 years of existence.

Ozanam has vowed to do everything in its power to keep the doors open to those who need the services provided, however some changes will need to come if we can not replace the funding that was recently lost. Nothing is set in stone, but there have been a few options thrown around.



One potential option is to stop taking in new patients. This would give the pharmacy a solid number of prescriptions and the pharmacist would be able to order just enough in order to fill the prescriptions that we currently provide. However, by not allowing new patients to use the services that we provide, even the ones that do not cost the pharmacy much money could potentially cost the life of a patient.

One example of these programs the Medication Therapy

Management through the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy. With this program, the patients are able to speak with pharmacy students and better understand their disease as well as the treatment. In the past, student pharmacists have discovered redundancies as well as potentially deadly combinations in prescriptions that were recently added to the regimen. Retail pharmacies across the nation have been trying to implement Medication Therapy Management program for a few years now.

Ozanam has implemented and has had great success with this program in just a couple of years. This program operates at no cost to the patient and limited

cost to the pharmacy.

Another example of programs that assist the patient while not costing the pharmacy a penny is the Patient Assistance Program. This program is designed to work with pharmaceutical companies that donate prescriptions to give back to the community. Ozanam's Judy Kramer is on the phone all day working with these companies to get the patients name brand prescriptions that do not have generics, such as the insulin Levemir.

Another possibility would be to

reduce the size of the formulary. By reducing the formulary that Ozanam has on site as well as what could be ordered, the pharmacy would save money and still allow new patients to use the services. However, some of the life sustaining medications that are in the current formulary are not able to be obtained through the Patient Assistance Program and are not available as generics through retail pharmacies such as Walmart. These medications can save the lives of many patients, but without this crucial funding something is going to have to change in the pharmacy. For every dollar that is donated to Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, 95 cents goes directly to providing medicine for our patients. The other 5 cents goes to costs of running the pharmacy which include keeping the lights on. Ozanam has always been in need of donations of sample medications from area physicians and volunteers with a medical background, but the need of funding is ever present than in years past.

If you are interested in financially supporting this worthy cause, please send any support to 571 Dauphin St. Mobile, Alabama or donate on the pharmacy's website www.ozanampharmacy.org. We also welcome civic organizations wishing to fundraise on behalf of Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy. For more information please call Shearie Archer at (251) 432-4111 or email her at sarcher@ozanampharmacy.org.



Keep your eyes peeled for small events around the city of Mobile in the coming months to help support Ozanam. Also stay tuned for our large event coming up in March. More details to come.

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America.

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AmeriCorps VISTAs arrive to help Ozanam build capacity

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy opened its doors to four AmeriCorps VISTAs who will be serving with the pharmacy through July 2015. The VISTAs or Volunteers In Service To America have been tasked with the duty of building the pharmacy's capacity. Capacity building at the pharmacy will include, helping to expand the current donor and volunteer base.

The VISTA program was founded in 1965 as part of Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty and since its inception over 185,000 volunteers have helped in thousands of programs nationwide. In 2013, VISTAs helped raise over

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At their Pre-Service Orientation, the VISTAs learned that capacity building is creating or expanding current programs that an organization has in order to allow these programs to continue after their term of service is over. The VISTAs are working hard in positions that reflect their individual talents.

Christopher Chambers has a background in journalism and is serving as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator. Christopher will be responsible for connecting

with local media to spread the message of Ozanam to current and potential donors. Christopher comes to us from New York and has recently relocated to Mobile.

Victoria Davis has a background in computer information systems and is serving as the Social Media Coordinator. Victoria will be responsible for building Ozanam's online

Sandra Edwards has a wealth of nonprofit experience and is serving as the pharmacy's Special Events Coordinator. Sandra will be responsible for planning events throughout the year in order to reach out to current and new donors in order help fund the pharmacy's life saving work. Even though Sandra was originally from Detroit, she is no



stranger to the Mobile area through visiting family that lives locally.

These VISTAs join current VISTA Clarissa Lemon-Phalo who is serving as the leader for the VISTAs. Clarissa's VISTA assignment is with the Area Agency on Aging and is stationed at Ozanam. Clarissa has volunteered with Ozanam for the past 2 years and has taken

presence and will be exploring crowd funding. Victoria is originally from Texas, but has lived in Mobile for almost a decade.

Mary Dozier has worked with the volunteers of Catholic Social Services for a number of years and will be serving Ozanam in a similar fashion as the Volunteer and Community Outreach Coordinator. Mary will be responsible for connecting with the current volunteer base as well as expanding it to better meet the needs of the community. Besides serving with the United States Army, Mary has lived in Mobile for her entire life.

charge in helping the VISTAs adjust to the new environment and understand their specific assignments. Clarissa has a background in accounting and during her time volunteering at Ozanam has become a certified pharmacy tech. Clarissa runs multiple nonprofits around the city of Mobile including PUSH: Persevering Under Severe Hindrance and the Halo Project. Clarissa is originally from Ohio, but she has lived in Mobile for most of her life.

We look forward to seeing the results of the hard work that these individuals will do over the coming year that will help

Pharmacy Participates in Day of Caring

On April 11 Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy participated, with its partner agency United Way of Southwest Alabama, in a Day of Caring. Ozanam joined over 40 area businesses in helping to improve their communities. Over 500 employees, from businesses in Clarke, Mobile and Washington counties, took time away from their jobs to work on community projects around the

area. This was the South West Alabama chapter's 20th annual Day of Caring. Ozanam plans to support United Way in their upcoming campaign that begins August 28 at the VIA at 1717 Dauphin Street, Mobile Alabama from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. At this event, they will announce the results of their previous campaign and the goal for the next campaign.



(Photo to left) Students from the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy of the Mobile Campus present Shearie Archer, Executive Director of Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, with a check for \$2,160. The funds were raised during the PharmaFit 5k Run/Walk on March 29, at the University of Southern Alabama. Pictured from left Melissa Webb, Student Services Coordinator for Harrison School of Pharmacy Mobile Campus, Valerie Regaliza, fourth year pharmacy student and Chair of the PharmaFit Run, Shearie Archer and Jennifer Thomas, fourth year pharmacy student.

Ozanam Resident Pharmacist Departs with Roots, Wings

In late July Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy said goodbye to Resident Pharmacist Dr. Derrick Bradley (photo right). After over a year of working with the staff and patients, Dr. Bradley has moved on to a bright future in the field of pharmacy. Dr. Bradley came to the pharmacy as the pioneer for the resident pharmacist program hosted by Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy. Ozanam's residency program encourages pharmacists to be an agent of change in their communities.

During his time with Ozanam, Dr. Bradley helped supervise fourth year pharmacy students during their rotations in the pharmacy and conducted research for the pharmacy. Dr. Bradley is very appreciative of the experience he has obtained while working with Ozanam's patients, believing that it has given him a "solid foundation" and "has broadened his horizons". In one word, Dr. Bradley described his experience with Ozanam's patients as rewarding. "I

knew (while working at Ozanam) I was making an impact. I could see the patients making improvements and their health." Ozanam wishes Dr. Bradley nothing but the best in the future!



No Show Gala Attendees Continue to Dance the Night Away

Tickets are still available to Ozanam's second annual No-show Gala, but everyone that has participated is still having a ball. For those not familiar with the event, a No-show Gala is an event where instead of paying the costs of attending the event, donors donate that cost of attending to a specific cause. You could have rented the limousine, the tuxedo and bought a dress that would have made you the belle of the ball, a lot of people chose to donate that

money to help community members battle life threatening diseases. By not getting a babysitter and paying the girl down the street \$35, you have helped provide one patient with his or her prescriptions for a month. By not buying that dress for \$300 that you would probably only wear a handful of times, you have provided two months of valuable the anti-depressant Cymbalta for one of our patients. We have raised \$6,328.50 of our

goal of \$10,000. We hope that all of the participants enjoyed a night of fun and relaxation whether it was spent on the on the town or on the couch. If you would like to purchase tickets to the event, it is not too late. Please write on the enclosed envelope, that you would like to purchase tickets and we will add your contributions to this campaign. From 6 to 7 p.m. on the day you send in your ticket order, please enjoy a dance wherever you see fit.





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As of July 30 of this fiscal year Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy has dispensed 29,131 prescriptions to 1467 patients. The retail value of this medication is valued at \$800,527.

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy is 501 (c) 3 organization dedicated to providing medication at no cost to uninsured and underinsured individuals residing in Mobile, Baldwin