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Dear Friends,

Each month over 1700 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 faced with staggering prescription costs who have no access to public or private health insurance.

The pharmacy purchases generic medications with a focus on maintenance drugs for conditions such as high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, seizure disorders, stomach and gastrointestinal conditions, etc. We also solicit and receive donated sample brand-name medications from area physicians in our three county service area of Mobile, Baldwin and Escambia Counties.

Many brand-name drugs are both extremely expensive and have no generic equivalents. Unfortunately these are also the medications for which it is most difficult for us to stock. Through our successful **Access Your Rx**, a PAP (Patient Assistant Program), we are able to provide this service to our clients. The staff helps patients access these drugs directly through the pharmaceutical companies' Patient Assistant Programs (PAPs).

During fiscal year 2010 (October 1, 2010-September 30, 2011) the Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy dispensed 33,419 prescriptions worth \$953,249 to over 1700 patients. We provided 6500 more medications this past year. We could not have made this happen without your support. In addition our Access Your Rx Patient Assistance Program has helped more than 403 patients access another \$862,362 worth of brand name prescription medicine from pharmaceutical and foundation Patient Assistance Programs. Using our In-House Emergency "Formulary and our Patient Assistance Program we provided our three county service area with nearly \$1.8 million in medication.

In an effort to bring more awareness about Ozanam Pharmacy, the charitable pharmacy is an active member of the Alabama Pharmacy Association, Mobile Chamber of Commerce and Mobile United. To strengthen our ability to provide our patients with more widespread access to medication, the pharmacy has joined the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics, which assists Ozanam with obtaining donated brand name prescriptions from partners like AmeriCares. Ozanam Pharmacy is also a partner of Direct Relief which provides access to donated medication throughout the year as well as stage disaster relief supplies and medication in the event of a major disaster. This past year we partnered with Auburn University to host 4th year pharmacy student. Our partnership has provided Ozanam with a great opportunity to train Pharmacy Students on their final journey to becoming Pharmacist.

As President of the Board of Directors for the Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy and on behalf of the other Board of Directors members and the dedicated staff and volunteers of Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, we thank you for visiting our web site. We encourage you to contact the Pharmacy directly at (251) 432-4111 to learn more about our services and to learn how you can support this worthwhile charity.

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