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Dear Friends,

Each month nearly 2,000 persons in southwest Alabama get essential, often life-sustaining prescription medications, at no cost from the Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy. These are mostly individuals faced with staggering prescription costs who have no (or inadequate) 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 now 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 our fiscal year October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010, 1862 unduplicated clients were served with 26,905 prescriptions costing \$955,468.00. In addition to the prescriptions filled in our pharmacy we provided patients enrolled in our Patient Assistance Program with expensive brand name prescription medications with a retail value of \$719,863.00. Using our In-House Emergency Formulary and our Patient Assistance Programs we provided residents of our three county service area with medications having a retail value of nearly 1.7 million dollars.

In an effort to bring more awareness about Ozanam Pharmacy, the charitable pharmacy is an active member of the 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 Dispensary of Hope, which assists Ozanam with obtaining donated brand name prescriptions. Just this past year, our partnership with Dispensary of Hope helped Ozanam provide the community with over \$60,000 in medication. 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.

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.

Cathy Whelton, President

