



# Ozanam News

Helping Children and Families Since 1948

## Expert Volunteers Donate Services to Beautify Campus

If you venture down our scenic driveway that is tucked away between businesses on Holmes Road, you will find a natural oasis where more than 70 boys and girls live and where additional students attend Ozanam School. They benefit from playing sports on our baseball fields and also enjoy the occasional canoe trip down the Little Blue River. It isn't uncommon to see a small group taking pictures of wildlife as part of our Creative Arts photography classes. Therapists also utilize our quiet gardens to spend time with youth in a less formal environment.

In order to maintain and preserve our 96-acre campus for our children, we recognized the need to form a Campus Beautification Committee made up of expert volunteers who could help develop a plan for maintenance and improvements. We are fortunate to have participation from active members including Mike O'Connor from Mike O'Connor Sodding, Bill Stueck of Suburban Lawn & Garden, Charles Brasher and Mark



Members of our Campus Beautification Committee from left: Vince Vogel, Bill Stueck, Mark Young, and Mike O'Connor. This new group helps us to improve Ozanam's 96-acre campus.

Young from Country Club Tree Service, and Vince Vogel from Vogel Landscape. Together they have donated more than \$25,000 worth of services to beautify our campus, plus priceless advice!

"It's a great example of an advisory group who is committed to the cause and contributes in their areas of expertise," said Paul Gemeinhardt, Consultant to the Ozanam Foundation.

Several initiatives that the committee has completed this year include trimming trees that had become a safety hazard, laying new sod in the center of

campus when our grass was destroyed, providing a sprinkler system installed courtesy of Rainman Irrigation, and raising funds to replace our greenhouse roof for the horticultural therapy program. The committee is currently developing an annual landscaping plan with a schedule for fertilizer treatments. Regular volunteer groups at Ozanam have become a crucial part of implementing the committee's vision, and we are grateful to have their support. We must keep our campus beautiful for the children who call it home. ■

## Gail of Gail's Harley-Davidson Inspires Us to "Feel the Power"

As the energetic Owner and CEO of Gail's Harley-Davidson in Kansas City, Gail has earned a reputation as one of the top-performing and most progressive Harley Davidson dealerships in the nation. On September 27th, we welcomed her as our guest speaker for Ozanam's Annual Board Dinner. During this special evening, she shared her story of success with the Ozanam children, staff and Board Members.

One key to Gail's success is her mantra, "Feel the Power", which she explains as "...the power inside all of us to live our lives to the fullest, make a difference and find purpose in each day."

Her words inspired everyone, especially the Ozanam children. (She also inspired Jeff Jernigan, Foundation Board Member, to arrive on his motorcycle dressed in Harley-Davidson gear!) We thank Gail for sharing her enthusiasm with us! ■



Gail shares her life experiences with guests at our Annual Dinner and urges them to stay positive even when faced with challenges.

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### Upcoming Events

#### ★ Ozanam's 27th Annual Hollywood Holiday Gala!

*Thursday, December 2nd at The Westin Crown Center.*  
Join us for Ozanam's biggest event of the year! Enjoy one of Kansas City's most extensive silent and live auctions, as well as an elegant dinner followed by an exciting program. Tickets are \$125 each, and sponsorships are still available. To reserve your seat, donate an auction item or sign up to volunteer, please contact Kim at 816-508-3606 or [Kim.Gregory@ozanam.org](mailto:Kim.Gregory@ozanam.org).

#### Christmas at Ozanam

Provide gifts for a child, young adult or family. To find out how you can help spread holiday cheer to the boys and girls who need it most, please contact Una at 816-508-3607 or e-mail her at [Una.Magee@ozanam.org](mailto:Una.Magee@ozanam.org).

#### Ozanam Guild Events

Attend Second Fridays happy hours from 6-8 p.m. at a new location each month for only a \$15 donation. Meet other young professionals who care about Ozanam! To learn more, please visit [www.ozanamguild.org](http://www.ozanamguild.org).

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## A letter from the President of Ozanam

Dear Friends,

The children at Ozanam have so many needs, and it is critical for us to achieve excellence in our treatment and education programs. I am proud to say that Ozanam was fully accredited once again by the Council on Accreditation and also by the North Central Association. These seals of approval show that we meet all best-practice standards in providing the highest quality of care to our children and families.

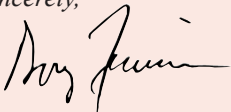
Most of all, I know in my heart that we are doing a good job when I hear from kids who are completing our program. This past week, a boy named Tim dropped by my office to let me know he was going to be discharged after spending almost a year at Ozanam dealing with the anger and trauma of being abused as a child. He wanted to let me know how much Ozanam had helped him and how appreciative he was to be surrounded by staff members who listened to his feelings and helped him learn to cope. This is what we work for each day – to see the look on a child’s face, one of confidence and pride, as they are ready to walk out of our doors.

So many youth like Tim have found hope at Ozanam. While these are tough times for all of us financially, I am hopeful that we can maintain the strength of our programs that serve our community’s most vulnerable youth. However, we cannot do this without your support.

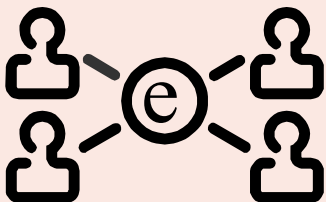
I want to thank all of our donor friends and volunteers who have helped us during the past year. Your efforts have brought smiles to hundreds of children’s faces. We are already planning ahead for their Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays by identifying needy families and collecting a small wish list from each boy and girl on campus. We hope they will feel included during this Season of Giving.

As you make your own holiday plans, please save the date for our Hollywood Holiday Gala on December 2nd at The Westin Crown Center. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,



Doug Zimmerman  
President of Ozanam



**P.S. To stay informed about what's happening at Ozanam, check out our new blog at [www.ozanamhome.wordpress.com](http://www.ozanamhome.wordpress.com) or join our group on Facebook and LinkedIn.**

## OZANAMA WISH LIST



**They'd Have a Blue Christmas Without You.**

- Winter coats
- Fleece blankets
- New twin bedding
- Sports equipment
- Craft kits & art supplies
- Portable music players
- Robes & slippers
- Puzzles
- Books
- DVDs (PG-13 or under)
- Stocking stuffers

### You Can Make a Difference:

- Sponsor gifts for an Ozanam boy or girl during the holidays! Simply call us to sign up and receive a child's individual wish list to help you get started.
- Organize a holiday donation drive through your company or service group to collect winter clothing for our youth.
- Donate to our holiday fund that helps us provide basic essentials and at least one present to every boy and girl.
- Volunteer to organize a festive craft activity for an hour with a group of boys or girls.
- Deliver cookies or other treats for students to enjoy.

**For more information about how you can help, please contact Una at 816-508-3607 or [info@ozanam.org](mailto:info@ozanam.org).**

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## Pathways Program Partners with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Kansas City

Pathways Transitional Living Services served 292 at-risk youth last year in Kansas City, Mo., Kansas City, Kan., and Wichita. This program provides safe shelter and quality services for older youth, ages 16 to 23, who are in need of life skills and guidance so they might become self-sufficient.

Now Pathways is partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Kansas City to provide Pathways' future graduates the opportunity to own their own home!

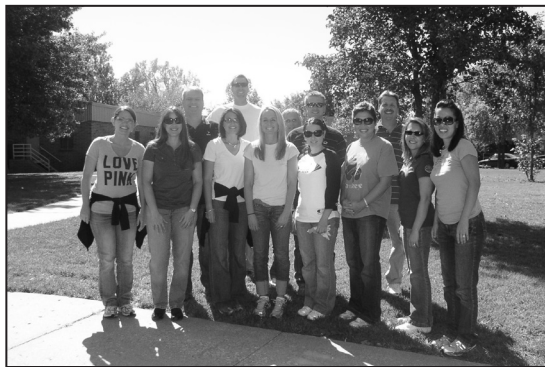
Currently six young adults are beginning the home ownership curriculum offered by Habitat staff. All were able to tour Habitat completed projects recently and have caught the dream of owning their own homes.

Pathways staff and kids will be having fundraisers as well as providing the manual labor for our youths' new homes. Stay tuned for more news on this exciting and innovating project! Thanks in advance for your support. ■

## Bringing the Community to Campus



Singer/songwriter Ethan Bryan performs for students at Ozanam School on September 23rd as part of the Breakfast Club Program. His songs reflected on his travels and his desire to change the world, which inspired everyone.



Volunteers from Sprint gather outside Smith Hall before beginning their projects on October 1st. Several volunteer groups from Sprint have visited Ozanam so far this year, and they even invited our students to tour the Sprint campus!



The Blue Valley Bengals football team gathers with Ozanam representatives in front of our caboose on October 4th prior to their football practice. These 6th graders presented a donation of nearly \$3,000 to Ozanam!

## "My Favorite Part is the Building Part!"

Shop Class Gives Students Tools to Create and Succeed

Vocational training for our youth has always been a priority. Boys and girls who do not have a strong support system outside our organization need to become independent and obtain a job as soon as possible in order to make ends meet. To help them prepare for careers that will allow them to become self-sufficient, Ozanam School offers an Industrial Arts Class (or simply "shop class" as the students call it).

Patrick Dougherty, instructor of this class, teaches our students

about a variety of construction trades including plumbing, electrical wiring, roofing, and more. Already this semester, they have built a model wall and are learning how to route plumbing through it! First students built the frame for the wall, added drywall, and then began installing plumbing for sinks and electrical wires for light bulbs.

"The kids are really excited to be working on this stuff," Patrick said. "I always have to come up with new projects because they finish so quickly!"

He works with up to 30 students in a semester with no more than 5 students in a class. They have all ranges of disabilities including autism, Asperger's syndrome, and other diagnoses.

The school is very mindful of their safety, and all tools that are not in use remain locked in the cabinets. Before students can use any of the tools in shop class, they must first study how it works and learn about



Patrick Dougherty works with students in shop class.



safety precautions. Then they must pass a test to demonstrate they know how to use the equipment.

"My favorite part of the class is the building part!" one boy exclaimed. "I am actually good at working with my hands. And I think the tools are cool."

Students genuinely enjoy the vocational instruction, and staff members are always thinking of ways to make the class even more meaningful.

"I'd like to do small projects around campus to help improve the facilities," Patrick mused. "Then the kids could really feel the satisfaction of their work. I want them to be able to apply the skills they learn in situations outside of school."

Stephen Wyly, Director of Education, agrees. "A future goal would be to connect these students with the community, maybe with a carpenter or a professional plumber, so they can begin to acquire real-life experiences. They might even discover future careers!" ■

# Honors & Memorials

Memorial and honor giving has become an established source of regular support for Ozanam. Anyone who wishes to honor the memory of a departed friend or loved one, or to honor an individual or significant event, may send a gift to Ozanam in their name. Individuals or families of those who are honored will be notified of the contributions with an appropriate card, and the names will be listed in the next issue of our newsletter.

## Honors

**In Honor of Rob Schroeder**  
Lineage Power

**In Honor of David White's 70th Birthday**  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gemeinhardt

Ms. Frances O'Dowd  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Schwartz  
Ms. Kirby Upjohn  
Uryasz Family Fund

**In Memory of Robert Miller**  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gemeinhardt  
Ms. Judy Hart  
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Zimmerman

## Memorials

**In Memory of Ruby Boehm**  
Mr. George Lynn

**In Memory of Patsy Clemetson**  
Ms. Linda Black  
Ms. Barbara S. Bower  
Ms. Virginia Dittmore  
Ms. Bonnie Lieurance  
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Smith

**In Memory of Tom Cox**  
Mrs. Beverly Weishar

**In Memory of Lois Goforth**  
Mr. & Mrs. George Bollman

**In Memory of Lee Krause**  
Mr. & Mrs. Rano C. Krause

**In Memory of Ewing Lusk**  
Ms. Joann Carlson  
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Chavez  
Mr. Howard Crawford  
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Crumpton  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gemeinhardt  
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Ms. Mary Beth Ingram  
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**In Memory of Winifred Murphy**  
Mr. Jack Davis

**In Memory of Carl Perkins Jr.**  
Ms. Barbara Brackman  
Ms. Cady Bush  
Ms. Jennifer Golden  
Mr. & Mrs. John Hester  
Ms. Shelly Sandberg  
Mr. Conrad Santini  
Mr. Frank Schoenen

**In Memory of Grace Sanders**  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald M. Lieberwitz, D.O.

**In Memory of David Sergent**  
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Ms. Lori McKinney  
Ms. Meredyth Melcher  
Ms. Mary Nestel  
Mr. Barry Pickens  
Mr. & Mrs. Jon Reith

**In Memory of Glen Tehel**  
Mrs. Sue Tehel

**In Memory of Carolyn Wright**  
Mr. & Mrs. Rex E. Schaaf

## Featuring the Ozanam Foundation

**If you are over 70½, you may be eligible to make an IRA charitable rollover.** This is a cash gift up to \$100,000 made to a qualified public charity like Ozanam. The best part is that an IRA distribution to charity may not be included in your Federal taxable income. We have included a special insert featuring IRA charitable rollovers for your convenience. Please complete and return this form to receive a brochure with more information and our free weekly e-newsletter with helpful financial tips.



**Please note that the 2010 IRA charitable rollover passed the House and is currently awaiting Senate approval at the time this newsletter went to press.**

We are tracking this legislatively and are hopeful that it will be approved once again. For the most up-to-date information about planned giving options, simply call Paul at 816-508-3602 or visit the Ozanam Foundation's website at [www.ozanamfoundation.org](http://www.ozanamfoundation.org).

## Ozanam Honor & Memorial Gifts

Given by: Mr. / Mrs. /Ms./ Mr. & Mrs. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

My gift is: (check box)  In Memory of   In Honor of

Person Honored/Remembered: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Honoring (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Send Notification Cards To: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to receive memorial forms (in booklets of five). Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ booklets.

Yes! I would like to receive more information about planned giving opportunities at Ozanam.



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