



Ozanam News

Helping Children and Families Since 1948

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Greenhouse Roof Replaced Thanks to Group Effort

Constructed more than 20 years ago, the roof of the children's greenhouse had become damaged beyond repair. Cracks in the structure allowed mold and condensation to form, which blocked the sunlight and created a slipping hazard for students.

Community friends came to our rescue this year as we attempted to raise enough dollars to replace the old roof. Vince Vogel, an Ozanam greenhouse volunteer since 1992, assisted greatly with our fundraising efforts. Mark Young, another dedicated supporter, donated his services to trim trees that were shading the greenhouse and other campus areas.

Contractors provided Ozanam with a discount on supplies and labor, and they began their work in May as soon as funds were available. Construction is now complete, and we are excited to announce that our greenhouse has a brand new roof that will ensure the success of our Horticultural Therapy Program for years to come!

Now that more sunlight can enter the greenhouse, the boys and girls have noticed an improvement in the growth of their plants. They recently held the Annual "Thyme for Kids" Plant Sale, which raised a record \$13,000! Thank you for supporting our youth and their activities. ■



Contractors replace the damaged roof of the Ozanam greenhouse so that more sunlight can enter. This repair was made possible with support from our volunteers and donors. Thank you!



Volunteers gather with Ozanam's Horticultural Therapist (center) during our Annual Plant Sale in April. From left: Vince Vogel, Keith Teepel, Megan Barnett, and Mary Vincent.

Upcoming Events



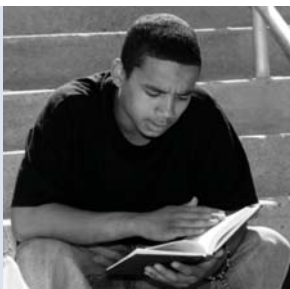
Save the Date:
27th Annual Hollywood
Holiday Gala

Thursday, December 2nd at The Westin Crown Center. Amazing silent auction, live auction, entertaining program and dinner. To reserve your seat, become a sponsor, donate an auction item, or sign up to volunteer, please contact Allie at 816-508-3606 or Allison.Briely@ozanam.org.

YOP Tax Credits Available
Your gift of \$50 or more may be eligible for Youth Opportunity Tax Credits. Increase your contribution at no cost to you!



Recess 2010 Concert
hosted by the Ozanam Guild
Friday, August 20th at The Rock Spot from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Enjoy live music, great food and fun prizes! Tickets are only \$30 per person. Learn more by visiting www.ozanamguild.org.



Through Ozanam Eyes: One student's graduation speech

She said I needed the Basketball Program. Coach wasn't sure about this at first, but he agreed to it. The Basketball Program changed me forever.

I would like to thank Ms. Moore for bringing me to see Coach Hutson that day. I would also like to thank all the coaches for helping me learn new skills.

Thanks also to Ms. Myers for teaching me about history, Mr. Arnold for teaching

me computers, and Mr. Smith for teaching me art. Thank you to Ms. Weaver and Ms. "C" for being there when I needed to get settled down. I would like to thank Ms. Stockstill for being in the cafeteria and being there in the morning to greet me. Thanks to Mr. Cordier for helping me with algebra, Ms. Sprinkle for being a great assistant teacher, and Mr. Triplett for being there when I need

to talk about work. I would like to thank Mr. Osterhaus for helping me with all the things I needed for college. I would also like to thank my family for all the support they have given me all these years.

My future plan is to go to Penn Valley Community College. This will make me the first person in my family to go to college, and it's all thanks to my friends, teachers, and family. ■

When I came to Ozanam, I didn't want to get to know anyone. When someone made a joke, I would take it the wrong way and get very angry.

After I got in trouble in gym class one day, my therapist brought me to see the coach.

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Special Events Shine Despite Rainy Weather

A Letter from the President...

I sit here smiling as I look out my window and see the plants that have recently been planted around our new Gazebo. What a beautiful sight! These plants were grown in our greenhouse by our children and recently planted by volunteers during Day of Caring.

We have always recognized the importance of developing programs where kids can experience success through hands-on activities. In 1989 the Horticulture Therapy Program was established for our children to enjoy the therapeutic benefits of growing their own plants. In 1990 the Sims Greenhouse was constructed with the support of a generous donor family, and that same year Ozanam held its first plant sale.

Each year at the end of April, we welcome hundreds of people to our campus to purchase plants that our kids have grown all winter. Our students are delighted to see their hard work rewarded by their ability to sell their plants to a new "customer". It is part of the therapeutic experience for our children to plant a new seed, nurture its growth, and discover that it blossoms into something of value. They are so proud of this accomplishment!

Megan Barnett, our Horticulture Therapist, educates students about the science of gardening as an elective during the school year. Most of all, she emphasizes the importance of nurturing, something many of our youth have never experienced. It is not only a tremendous learning experience, but it also becomes a significant part of the healing process for many of our kids.

We feel so strongly about the importance of the Horticultural Therapy Program that we have made it part of our educational program as well as our on-campus work program. I am reminded every day about the success of this program as I walk around our campus and see the beautiful flowers and plants that Megan and the children have planted. It never fails to lift my spirits. I invite you to visit us this summer and see what amazing things the kids are accomplishing through this terrific program.

Sincerely,



Doug Zimmerman
President of Ozanam

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Thank you to everyone who supported our special events despite record rainfall. Our plant sale, Plaza Rotary Jazz Cabaret, golf tournament, and disc golf tournament raised more than \$70,000. Thank you to all who participated!

We hope you will join us for our last and largest event, the Hollywood Holiday Gala, on December 2nd at The Westin Crown Center. Proceeds help us to provide services for youth who would not otherwise be able to afford our care. ■



Meteorologist Joe Lauria from Fox 4 News prepares to make pre-tournament announcements with Greg Davis, Ozanam Board Member and Chair of the 2010 Golf Classic. Despite the rainy weather, more than 120 golfers participated in the Ozanam Golf Classic sponsored by Asurion on May 12th.



Bill Stueck (left), owner of Suburban Lawn & Garden and Thornfield Disc Golf Course, gathers with Kathy Roberts, Doug Zimmerman, Judy Hart, and Dan Cashen to survey the crowd of more than 80 disc golfers who participated in the "Ozanam Open" Disc Golf Tournament on June 12th.

OZANAM WISH LIST



View our complete wish list online!

Pathways Program

- Kitchen & cleaning supplies*
- Bedding and towels*
- Hygiene products*
- Vacuums & alarm clocks*

Residential Program

- Twin bedding*
- Khaki pants*
- Solid-color Polo-style shirts*

School Supplies

- Black and blue pens*
- #2 pencils & sharpeners*
- Colored pencils & markers*
- Spiral notebooks & paper*
- Pocket folders & binders*
- Glue sticks & scissors*
- Chalkboard erasers*
- Calculators & rulers*
- Poster board & index cards*
- Construction Paper*
- Educational games*

Recreation Program

- Softball/baseball gloves*
- Swimming goggles/towels*

Art Therapy/Creative Arts

- Guitar strings & picks*
- Choir music*
- 4x6 photo frames*
- CD player & blank CD's*
- Sewing machine*
- Canvas boards/mats*
- Silk flowers, old jewelry*

Pathways Staff Promote Community Service

Our Pathways Program helps young adults in the community work toward independence by providing them with shelter, counseling, life skills and more. By their example, staff members teach clients the importance of hard work and volunteerism.

In May, they worked alongside youth to landscape the yard at their Transition House. In addition, staff and kids have logged hundreds of volunteer hours at many other local charities so far this year in an effort to give back to the community! ■



Angela Tepen, Pathways KC/KCK Program Manager, works alongside Erik Larsen, Admissions Director, to landscape the Transition House in midtown Kansas City. Up to 10 young adults live here with 24-hour supervision. Pathways also operates apartments throughout Kansas and Missouri.



Jon Payne (right), Youth Outreach Specialist, helps remove brush and install new plants around the yard of the Transition House. The much-needed improvements provided staff the opportunity to work alongside the youth at the house, and the end result was a yard with curb appeal!

Volunteers Impact Every Corner of Campus



A group from Teva Neuroscience visited Ozanam on March 26th and transformed an empty classroom into the start of a new sensory room. They donated specific items designed to sooth students with Asperger's Syndrome.



Day of Caring volunteers from Sprint, Garmin, KPMG, and Cleveland Chiropractic College rally together in Smith Hall on June 5th before beginning their projects. They cleaned, painted and landscaped campus.

The "Not-So-Lazy" Days of Summer

During the school year and throughout the summer, boys and girls at Ozanam are bombarded with opportunities to succeed - perhaps for the first time. They are encouraged to try new hobbies, identify their talents and build their

confidence levels. After surviving so many hardships and challenges, these new experiences at Ozanam can become some of the happiest memories of their childhoods. After all, they deserve to be carefree kids for awhile. ■



On April 22nd for Earth Day, Ozanam students picked up trash along the Blue River as part of KC Clean Streams, a program created and led by the Blue River Watershed Association (BRWA). This program educates the city's youth about keeping the Blue River Watershed clean.



Terry James shares his story with students as part of our Breakfast Club Program. He was a former resident at Ozanam who now owns a local entertainment business called "The Dance Spot" and "The Rock Spot". He also volunteers with our Creative Arts Program.



Staff members offer encouragement as an Ozanam boy learns how to play croquet. On May 27th, the Cultural Enrichment Committee planned a "May Day" event to celebrate the beginning of summer that included croquet, bean bag tosses, basketball games, a cupcake walk, a concert and cookout.



Ozanam girls latch hands before jumping into the pool during one of the hottest days in June. The pool is a very popular place on campus during the summer months, and each dorm unit has scheduled swimming times throughout the week. Boys and girls have fun exercising and staying cool.

Ozanam 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.

Honor Gifts

In Honor of the Hart Family
Dr. & Mrs. Larry W. Piebenga

In Honor of Blake Stevens' Eagle Scout Project
Ms. Nancy Yeamans

In Honor of Teva Neuroscience with thanks to Denise Lynch and Victor Morrison
McKinsy & Company

In Memory of Jean Nickelman
Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Collins

In Memory of James Sapp
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Zimmerman
Sunshine Club

In Memory of Esther Shapiro
Mr. Jerry Shapiro

In Memory of Irene Simpson
Mr. & Mrs. De Onidus Hendrick

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Jerry Mack Chitty
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In Memory of Patsy Clemetson
Ms. Judy Hart
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Haight
Mr. & Mrs. Neil Roadman
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Zimmerman

In Memory of Duane "Clyde" Fieker
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Cummins
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Hicks
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Bailey

In Memory of Alfred Gleitsman
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gemeinhardt
Ms. Judy Hart
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Zimmerman

In Memory of Bryan Higdon
Ms. Marcia Hatfield

In Memory of Maxwell Jewell
Mr. John F. Davis

In Memory of Arthur Meedel
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald B. Finney

In Memory of Paul Nichols
Mr. & Mrs. De Onidus Hendrick

Gifts to Ozanam's Brick & Bench Campaign

The Hart Family
Mr. & Mrs. Duane Albert
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Bernard
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Mr. & Mrs. George Stone
Mr. Brad Tompkins
Ms. Jane Uhrlich
Ms. Lynn Wright
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Zimmerman

FEATURING THE OZANAM FOUNDATION



Volunteers install new landscaping around our gazebo that was created as a wish from Ozanam's 60th Anniversary. Initial construction is complete, and donors have the option to engrave bricks in honor or memory of loved ones.

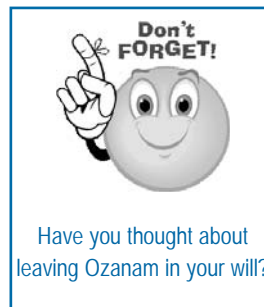
One way to continue to support Ozanam is through memorial and honor giving. This can be a very meaningful way to recognize the special people in your life while making a difference in the lives of our youth.

At the beginning of May, we sent a letter announcing a new opportunity to recognize donors and loved ones by engraving a brick or bench surrounding our gazebo in the center of campus. In response to this announcement about our new brick and bench

campaign, we have placed orders for one bench and dozens of bricks so far!

Please find enclosed a special booklet for memorial and honor giving. If you choose to make a gift, please indicate if you would like your donation to go toward a bench or brick. One 4x6 paver starts at \$125, and different sizes are available. ■

To learn about leaving a legacy through the Ozanam Foundation, call Paul Gemeinhardt at 816-508-3602 or Judy Hart at 815-508-3605.



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Please return all honor and memorial gifts to Ozanam Development at:

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Ozanam Honor & Memorial Gifts

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

Name _____

Address _____ City, State & Zip _____ Phone _____

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

Name _____ Event Honoring (if applicable) _____

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Send Cards to: _____

I would like to learn more about Ozanam's brick and bench campaign. (Please circle) Y / N