



# Ozanam News

Helping Children and Families Since 1948

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## Stars Shine for the Hollywood Holiday Gala on December 1st

Please join us for our 28th Annual Hollywood Holiday Gala that will be held on Thursday, December 1st, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at The Westin Crown Center! Gala Chairs Don and Sharon Greenwood have been working hard to prepare for this special evening along with Honorary Chairs Greg and Deanna Graves. The Graves and Greenwoods have been active in the Kansas City community for many years, and we are honored to have their participation and leadership!



Don Greenwood, Gala Co-Chair; Sharon Greenwood, Gala Co-Chair; Larry Moore, Master of Ceremonies; Deanna Graves, Honorary Co-Chair; and Greg Graves, Honorary Co-Chair.

Greg is Chairman and CEO of Burns & McDonnell. He is also Chairman of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and serves on the boards of many local organizations and civic groups. Greg and his wife Deanna were named Kansas City's Philanthropists of the Year in 2009. They view public service as a duty in return for all that Kansas City has given them.

Don Greenwood established the construction group at Burns & McDonnell in 1994 and is a recipient of the Distinguished Leadership Award from the

Design-Build Association of America. He is also a member of the Governor's Council for his alma mater, Iowa State University, and received the 2003 Professional Achievement Citation in Engineering.

Since becoming a Board Member, Don has grown even more passionate about Ozanam. He and Sharon recognize the good work Ozanam does for so many children in need, and they have contributed greatly to the cause as a result.

"It gives us the opportunity to enrich young lives and lend

a helping hand to many less fortunate children," he said.

At the Gala, they are looking forward to bidding on spectacular auction items including a week in Maui, a chocolate-colored pearl necklace from Meierotto's, and four seats in the Owner's Suite at Arrowhead Stadium among many others!

"Our goal is to make this year's event the most well attended and financially profitable in its 28-year history," Don said.

We hope to see you there! Register today by calling Kim Gregory at 816-508-3606. ■

## Upcoming Events

### Ozanam's 28th Annual Hollywood Holiday Gala!

Thursday, December 1st at The Westin Crown Center. Join us for Ozanam's largest fundraiser 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, 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 email her at [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 Friday's 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 and sign up to volunteer! To learn more, please visit [www.ozanamguild.org](http://www.ozanamguild.org).

## Through Ozanam Eyes: A rare glimpse into one child's story



This was due to his family's financial problems, amplified by his mom's mental illness and his dad's alcoholism. Unfortunately his grandfather soon passed away, and he could no longer live with his grandmother because she moved into assisted living.

"Nick" moved to Kansas City when he was a young teenager to live with his grandparents.

At 18, Nick was homeless.

Just when he thought his life couldn't get any worse, one of his brothers was killed in the Iraq War. Then his mother committed suicide by drug overdose. Shortly after his mother died, another one of his brothers became upset over his family's situation and stabbed someone in a bar. That same brother later killed himself in jail.

Nick was admitted to Ozanam's Pathways Program when his

life reached a crisis point. With guidance from staff, he obtained a job at Buca di Beppo and started a full-time internship at Cerner doing computer technical work. He enrolled in Vatterott College and began working toward a Bachelor's degree in computer science. He recently earned a 3.91 GPA!

Nick has thrived in our Pathways Program and is well on his way to becoming a successful adult! ■

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## A letter from the President of Ozanam

Dear Friends,

At our recent Annual Board Dinner in September, Jenne Fromm spoke to the Ozanam Board, staff, and children about how to unleash their potential and find their purpose in life. Jenne is a nationally recognized writer, speaker, motivator, and leadership consultant. She also happens to be a cancer survivor whose message of hope inspired all of us who were in attendance that evening.

Her stories struck me as a poignant reminder of what we do with our children every day at Ozanam. We help them become the best that they can be, to be able to look beyond the pain and anger and trauma they have experienced and look instead toward creating their own futures filled with hope.

The coming holidays give us a great opportunity to make each one of our children feel special. The needs of our children continue to grow, but we are fortunate to have friends like you who understand the importance of being there for them at this time of year. With your support, I would like to be able to provide our seasonal food pantry once again so that families can take what they need in a discreet way. I also hope that we will be able to provide at least one special gift for each of the children in our Residential Treatment, Day Treatment, and Pathways Programs including homeless youth who are being given a second chance.

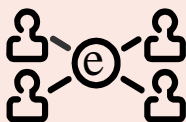
We have so many staff, donors, volunteers, and special friends to thank for helping to make the holidays a special time for our children. Some have made stocking stuffers, others drop-off warm clothing, and a few talented bakers have delivered handmade cookies for the boys and girls. Dorothy Weaver, a former staff member who recently retired as a paraprofessional after 28 years, even made it an annual family tradition to cook a special meal for all of the children during the holidays!

We all have the power within us to help unleash the potential in others. We sincerely hope that you will find it in your heart to continue to remember us in your year-end giving so that, as a community, we can continue to help the children at Ozanam believe in what they can become.

Sincerely,



Doug Zimmerman  
President of Ozanam



P.S. To stay informed, check out our new blog at [www.ozanamhome.wordpress.com](http://www.ozanamhome.wordpress.com) or visit us 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
- Wristwatches
- Pajamas
- Sweatshirts
- Hats & Gloves
- Gift cards

### 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).

### Other Winter Wish List Items:

#### Residential Program

Winter coats and clothing  
Basic hygiene items  
Weighted vests  
Water bottles

#### Art Therapy Program

Small wood pieces  
Fabrics  
Sewing thread  
Jewelry-making supplies  
Old jewelry for repurposing  
Polyester fiberfill

#### Creative Arts Program

Electric guitars  
Headphones  
Guitar cables  
Chromatic tuners  
Current music CDs  
Beads

#### Horticultural Therapy

New plain white T-shirts  
Aprons  
Craft paints/paint brushes

#### Pathways Program

Converter boxes  
Gift cards  
New twin comforters  
Twin bed sheets  
Twin mattress pads  
Smoke detectors  
Fire extinguishers  
Carbon monoxide detectors  
Phones  
Answering machines  
Vacuums  
Pots and pans  
Dishes and bowls  
Glasses  
Alarm clocks

## Helping Students Achieve Their Goals

New Foundation Scholarship Fund Opens Doors for Youth

The Ozanam Foundation started a new scholarship fund this year to help students achieve their academic goals. Foundation Board Members made gifts to start this special fund, and the first scholarship was awarded this summer!

Candidates were required to submit applications with two references: one from Ozanam and another from a community member. Students also needed to address how they would pay for their education after the scholarship was finished.

An 18-year-old named "Sean" from our Pathways Program was the lucky recipient of this year's \$1,000 award. He had already received a scholarship to the Kansas City Art Institute but needed additional funds for textbooks, art supplies and transportation that his part-time job couldn't cover. He created a budget showing how he planned to meet his expenses and presented this to the committee. He is grateful for the assistance and reports to us regularly about his progress! ■

## Bringing the Community to Campus



The Hart Family gathered together under the Gazebo named in their honor during its dedication on September 17th. This tranquil sitting area has become a focal point of our campus that provides a quiet place for children and visitors.



Jenne Fromm (center) welcomed her husband and her friend to Ozanam's Annual Board Dinner on September 26th. Jenne served as our motivational guest speaker for the evening. Board members, staff and youth were truly inspired by her!



Members of the Ozanam Guild took a break from grilling to pause for a quick photo during their "Back to School BBQ" for Ozanam youth on September 25th. The boys and girls enjoyed a delicious meal and lots of fun games with these volunteers!

## Celebrating Successful Fall Events



Kim Gregory, Dan Cashen, Kathy Roberts, and Bill Stueck joined more than 100 disc golfers to raise more than \$11,000 at the 4th Annual Ozanam Open Disc Golf Tournament held on September 10th at Thornfield Disc Golf Course!



Rick Farrington, Shawn Carter, Una Magee, John Clymore, and Laurie Minx represented Ozanam at the 50th Annual Greek Food Festival held on September 9th-11th. Ozanam was selected as the beneficiary for this fun event!



Walkers lined up to register for our very first "Step Into Their Shoes" Homeless Awareness Walk & 5k held on October 15th at Theis Park. Organized by our Pathways Program, this event raised awareness and funds for homeless youth!

## Raising Awareness for Homeless Teens

Our Pathways Program Organizes First Homeless Walk

Our Pathways Program hosted its inaugural "Step Into Their Shoes" Walk & 5k on October 15th at Theis Park in order to raise awareness about homeless youth in Kansas City. More than 1.3 million teens are homeless nationwide, and more than 2,000 youth are homeless right here in our community. Acknowledging the depth of the problem is the first step in fixing it, which is why we asked supporters to join together and "step into their shoes" for a day.

More than 100 walkers participated this first year and helped us raise more than \$3,000! Proceeds benefited our Pathways Program that helps young adults in Kansas City and Wichita who are at risk of becoming homeless. Pathways provides them with shelter, counseling, life skills training, educational assistance and career guidance so that they can become more independent. Special thanks to everyone who participated in the Walk to help these youth! ■

# 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 David Brinkerhoff and Dan Meiners' 10-year Anniversary  
Mr. Michael Breeding

\*In Honor of Neil Grant  
Mr. & Mrs. David Kiersznowski

\*In Honor of Charles Johnson  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gemeinhardt

In Honor of Marc Larsen and Ali Felton-Church's Wedding  
Mr. James Stinnett  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Klingberg  
Dr. & Mrs. George B. Gordon III  
Ms. Susan Strongman  
Mr. Michael Breeding  
Mr. & Mrs. Christian Willingham

\*In Honor of Rick and Kathy Ludwig  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ludwig

\*In Honor of Ozanam and our Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry D. Smith

In Honor of Karlyn Walsh's Birthday  
Mr. & Mrs. James Sheedy

\*In Honor of Judy Weishar  
Mrs. Beverly Weishar

In Memory of Gussie Bresler  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald M. Lieberwitz D.O.

\*In Memory of Tone Fasenmyer and David Fasenmyer  
Mrs. Mimi Fasenmyer

\*In Memory of Jennifer Kye  
Ms. Sharman Fontanini

\*In Memory of Allen Gassman and his family  
Mrs. JoAnn J. Gassman

\*In Memory of Dominique Marie Gentemann  
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Goetz

\*In Memory of Harry Lloyd  
Mr. & Mrs. David Kiersznowski

\*In Memory of Pat Lloyd  
Mr. & Mrs. David Kiersznowski

\*In Memory of Fred Overton  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gemeinhardt

\*In Memory of Joe Rosenfelt  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hemmerling  
Henne Distributing Co.  
Mr. & Mrs. Rano C. Krause  
Network Business Products, Inc.  
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Barnett  
Mrs. Marcia Rosenfelt  
The Christine Marie Jones Revocable Trust

In Memory of William "Bud" Southerland  
Mrs. Beverly Weishar

\*In Memory of Glenn Tehel  
Mrs. Sue Tehel

## Memorials

In Memory of Marjorie Bernard  
Ms. Judy Hart  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gemeinhardt

## 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. If you have questions about planned giving options, simply call Paul Gemeinhardt at 816-508-3602 or Judy Hart at 816-508-3605. You can also learn more online at [www.ozanamfoundation.org](http://www.ozanamfoundation.org).

## Double Your Contribution to Ozanam at No Cost to You!

For a limited time, you can apply to receive YOP tax credits for donations of \$50 or more! This means that up to 50% of qualified contributions can be subtracted from your Missouri income tax liability. Redirect your tax dollars directly to Ozanam! Contact us for details.

**Please note:** (\*) indicates that a brick was engraved in honor or memory of these individuals. Visit our website or call Laurie at 816-508-3608 to learn more about how you can leave a lasting legacy through Ozanam's brick and bench program. Donors can specify that a brick be engraved for a donation of \$125 or more.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Yes! I would like to learn more about Ozanam's brick and bench campaign.



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Donations including honor and memorial gifts may be sent to:  
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