



Ozanam News

Helping Children and Families Since 1948

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Upcoming Events

Recess 2011 Concert
 hosted by the Ozanam Guild
 Friday, August 26th at The Arts
 Incubator from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
 Enjoy live music, great food and
 fun prizes! Tickets are \$30 per
 person at www.ozanamguild.org.

**Ozanam Open Disc Golf
 Tournament**
 Saturday, September 10th from
 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. Bring your
 family, friends or co-workers
 for a fun morning of disc golf at
 Thornfield Disc Golf Course in
 Stilwell, Kansas! Cost is \$50 per
 person or \$30 for students.

Greek Food Festival
 September 9th - 11th at 120th
 & Wornall. Proceeds benefit
 Ozanam! To learn more, please
 visit www.greekfoodfest.org.

Ozanam Gazebo Dedication
 Saturday, September 17th. Join
 us for a ribbon-cutting ceremony
 and tour of campus. (See insert.)



★ 28th Annual Hollywood Holiday Gala ★

Thursday, December 1st at The
 Westin Crown Center. Amazing
 silent auction, live auction,
 entertaining program and dinner.
 Reserve your seat, become a
 sponsor, donate an auction item,
 or sign up to volunteer today!

**Contact our Special Events
 Coordinator at 816.508.3606
 or Kim.Gregory@ozanam.org.**

Work and Play Fill Each Summer Day for our Youth

Many adolescents look forward to summer because they can sleep later and have more free time. Boys and girls at Ozanam look forward to it for a different reason.

For them, a typical summer day begins at 7 a.m. with housekeeping chores and breakfast. Then they separate into tightly scheduled group activities for the rest of the day. In the evening, they participate in various individual and group therapy sessions before settling down for an early bedtime.

Still, they look forward to summer as much as other children because, for the first time in their lives, they are flooded with opportunities to learn

new skills, discover talents, and succeed!

Our youth enjoy photography classes, relaxation and yoga groups, music lessons, and computer classes. They participate in groups focused on nutrition, self-esteem, social skills, and anger management. They also learn how to swim, lift weights, and play softball or disc golf.

Surprisingly, the most popular activity is the Work Program where students learn job skills by working alongside staff members from different departments.

"They learn and have fun at the same time," said Pat Ross, Vice President of Campus Administration. "That's when they thrive." ■

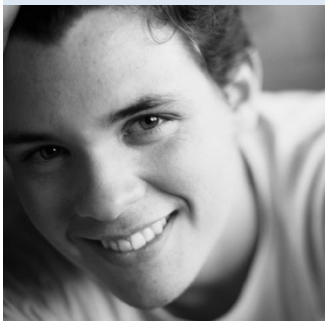


Boys landscape one of the garden areas on campus as part of our Work Program where youth work alongside staff to learn new skills.



An Ozanam girl catches the ball and makes a play for her team during a softball game between the two girls' units on June 30th.

Through Ozanam Eyes: One boy's story in his own words



I've had a wonderful experience here at Ozanam. I have grown up a lot during my stay here. When I first arrived, I felt like I had nothing to live for. I did

not care about the people I hurt, the rules or my life.

During my journey at Ozanam, I have not only learned about feelings, but I have also gained them for myself. I have started loving and caring about people besides myself and have developed a conscience.

I started out hating the system, but now I am crying because I am leaving. I fought

my staff emotionally and believed I was superior and smarter than everyone. Now, however, I love my staff and most of all Mr. Carter. I tried to be angry at him every other day at first, but I found out we were bonded so well that this was not possible.

This morning after getting a big hug from him, I started crying. He has been like a father to me, while holding me accountable like no

other adult has before. He is the best father-figure I have ever had or respected.

I thank God for my stay at Ozanam and for the friends and staff that have greatly affected my life. I am going to a foster home and will graduate from high school in 2012. I plan on going to college one day to become a clinical therapist.

- Written by Braydon on his last day at Ozanam. ■

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A Letter from the President...

As I sit here at my desk, I am filled with many competing feelings. From my front-row seat looking out over the campus, I am pleased to note that the staff and kids are busy with their everyday summer activities like softball and summer classes. The youth in our work program are busy caring for the flowers in the greenhouse and around campus. **From swim lessons for non-swimmers to photography classes for youth who have never owned a camera, we plan a variety of activities to fill their summer days with learning and laughter.**

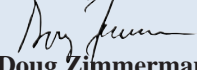
Still I am filled with concern about what is happening to many children and families in our community today, and especially those we see at Ozanam. At the federal level, there are ongoing discussions in the legislature about social services and Medicaid funding. With these types of budgetary cuts, I worry that children and families will ultimately pay the price. **Can we afford to eliminate or reduce treatment programs for the most vulnerable adolescents in our community?**

Legislators in Kansas and Missouri are already cutting financial support to our children and families. Kansas has cut residential treatment referrals by 40% in the last few months, which has impacted our Residential Treatment Program at Ozanam. Plus many school districts can no longer afford to place special needs children in Ozanam's Day Treatment Program. Funding for our Pathways Transitional Living Program has also been diminished. **What will happen to these youth who desperately need our help?**

These government discussions impact the ability of children to receive the critical care they need in order to function appropriately in our community. The number of youth requiring services has not declined, but the availability of services will be reduced. **What will be the cost to all of us if we don't take care of our children?**

Because of your support, Ozanam has been able to face the financial challenges that have come our way in the past. I am hopeful that we will be able to come together as a community and as a nation to face these challenges once again. **Our children's futures depend on it.**

Sincerely,



Doug Zimmerman
President of Ozanam

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Sheryl White
Louis Williams
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Successful Spring Plant Sale & Golf Classic

Thank you to everyone who supported our special events this spring and early summer! Our "Thyme for Kids" Plant Sale and our Golf Classic raised a combined total of more than \$40,000. Thank you to all who participated!

We hope you will join us for our "Ozanam Open" Disc Golf Tournament on September 10th and our Hollywood Holiday Gala on December 1st at The Westin Crown Center. You can make a difference in the lives of our children! ■



Volunteers from the Kansas City Young Matrons assist customers during our "Thyme for Kids" Plant Sale on April 29th and 30th. They have volunteered at our event for many years, and we were so thankful for their participation once again! They helped us raise more than \$13,000 at the sale!



From left: Greg Davis, Golf Classic Co-Chair; Joe Lauria, Fox 4 Meteorologist and Master of Ceremonies; Doug Zimmerman, Ozanam President; and Matt Aberle, Golf Classic Co-Chair, celebrate our successful tournament on May 16th at Creekmoor, which raised more than \$30,000!

OZANAMA 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 (new)
Khaki pants & Polo shirts
Packages of white T-shirts*

Recreation Program

*Baseball gloves (adult sizes)
Swimming goggles/towels*

Art Therapy & Horticultural Therapy

*Beads, thread and fabric
Jewelry and sewing supplies
Paint pens & acrylic paints
Bird feeders
Seed packets
Knee pads*

School Supplies

*Blue or black pens
#2 pencils & erasers
Colored pencils & markers
Spiral notebooks
Pocket folders & binders
Calculators
Scissors & glue sticks
Poster board & index cards
Wide-lined notebook paper
Boxes of tissue
Disinfectant wipes
Hand sanitizer*

Upcoming Greek Festival To Benefit Ozanam



We are excited to announce that Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church has chosen Ozanam as their charity partner for the 50th Annual Greek Food Fest to be held September 9th through 11th.

Approximately 10,000 people will attend the three-day event at 120th & Wornall, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Ozanam! We need volunteers to work at the gates, so please call Una at 816.508.3607 if you can help us! For event details, visit www.greekfoodfest.org. ■

Rosehill Gardens Donates Weekend Sales



Staff member Rick Farrington (center) supervises two Ozanam boys who helped customers at Rosehill Gardens on June 11th & 12th. Rosehill generously donated 10% of all sales back to Ozanam during this weekend promotion!

Students Help Blue River Stay Clean



Ozanam students prepare to pick up trash as part of the "KC Clean Streams" event on April 28th. Created by the Blue River Watershed Association (BRWA), this activity teaches youth about protecting the environment.

Inspirational Athletes Speak to Breakfast Club



Gary Spani, Chiefs Hall of Famer, signs autographs in the school library for students who were selected based on their good behavior to be a part of Breakfast Club on April 26th. Gary later spoke to the entire school about his career.



Jeff Benelli talks to a group of students on May 3rd about a rare disease that has reduced his vision to the point of near blindness. He shared how he coped with his emotions and physical challenges enough to become a marathon runner!

Volunteers Brighten Campus and Bring Smiles

From tutoring students to painting a dormitory unit, volunteers have always made a big difference at Ozanam. Fortunately there are many ways to get involved! We are currently seeking adults, ages 21 and up, to serve as tutors

for our Learning Lab program that is held on Tuesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. If you have extra time this summer, consider sharing it with us! Contact Una at 816.508.3607 or Una.Magee@ozanam.org to get involved today! ■



A group from Teva Neuroscience visited Ozanam on March 25th and transformed our girls' exercise room with a fresh coat of paint and additional fitness equipment. Their project later won first place in their "Pay It Forward" event, and so they donated their \$2,000 award prize back to Ozanam!



Volunteers from Cerber gathered in front of Mabee Residence on April 14th after completing a team-building project on campus. They have visited throughout the year to play kickball with our students and help out with various projects. We look forward to hosting them again in July!



Volunteers from H&R Block, including Ozanam Board Member Jason Houseworth, are all smiles on April 27th. They spruced up the gardens around our greenhouse and played kickball with students. Best of all, they arranged for a popsicle truck to deliver frozen treats for the children!



One of the groups from US Bank pauses for a quick photo before painting a dorm unit for Day of Caring on June 4th. Another group from US Bank visited the previous day in order to paint our large barn across the creek. We were also fortunate to have support from the IRS during Day of Caring!

Ozanam Honors & Memorials

Memorial and honor giving has become an established source of regular support for Ozanam. Anyone who wishes to make a gift in memory of a departed friend or loved one, or in honor of an individual or significant event, may send a check to Ozanam along with a note stating its purpose to the attention of our Development Department. You can also include the address of the individuals honored or the families of those who are memorialized, and we will notify them about your contributions with an appropriate card. The names of those honored or memorialized will be listed in the next issue of our newsletter.

Honor Gifts

In Honor of Don & Carol Lieberwitz and Kevin Lieberwitz
Don & Carol Leiberwitz

In Honor of Tyler Morrison's Eagle Scout Project
Mr. & Mrs. David Yeamans

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Anna Allison
Mr. & Mrs. Thom Cooper
Mrs. Beverly Weishar

In Memory of Mark Boresow
Mrs. Julie Boresow and family

In Memory of Carol Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Zimmerman

In Memory of Elom Carlson
Mr. Jack Davis

In Memory of Bryan Higdon
Ms. Marcia Hatfield

In Memory of Bill Hughes
Mrs. Catherine Hughes

In Memory of Robert Keller
Mrs. Sandra Wyly

In Memory of Elsie Mueller
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gemeinhardt

In Memory of William O'Brien
Ms. Laura O'Brien

In Memory of Arch Riemann
Mr. & Mrs. James Sheedy

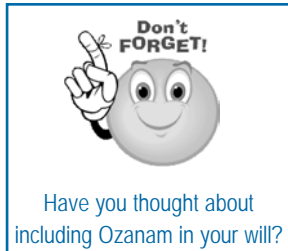
In Memory of Arlene Rice
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gemeinhardt
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Zimmerman
Ms. Judy Hart

In Memory of Carl Rippeto
Mr. & Mrs. Skip Hutton

In Memory of Joe Rosenfelt
Country Club Bank, N.A.
Henne Distributing Company
Murphy Tractor and
Equipment Co. Inc.
Santa Fe Trails Plumbing
Pete and Jake's Hot Rod Parts
The Neenan Company
Mack McLain & Associates
Novak Birks, P.C.
Fred Pflumm Plumbing
Redford Construction, Inc.
Johnson & White Sales Co., Inc.
Huff Enterprises
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Mr. & Mrs. Graham Ard
Mr. Ron Avery
Mr. & Mrs. Kent Best
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Best
Mr. Orville Cable
Mr. & Mrs. James Comfort
Mr. Johnnie Cox
Mr. Michael Dudgeon
Mr. & Mrs. Brent George
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gemeinhardt
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gnefkow
Ms. Judy Hart

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Mr. & Mrs. Jason Kerr
Mr. & Mrs. Max Kelley
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Krause
Mrs. Jan Martinette
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Mather
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Mr. & Mrs. James Person
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Mr. & Mrs. Phil Pope
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Rossignol
Mr. Jack Sander
Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Sailors
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Sailors
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Mr. & Mrs. Brian Semler
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See What's NEW Online!
Our Foundation website has a new look! Please visit www.ozanamfoundation.org to sign up for our e-newsletter and learn more about planned giving opportunities at Ozanam.



Gazebo Dedication on September 17th

Please join us on Saturday, September 17th, for a special dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for our new gazebo located in the center of our main campus.

This beautiful addition was made possible through a generous contribution from one of our donor families in honor of Ozanam's 60th Anniversary, and its construction is now complete. The Hart Family Gazebo serves as a focal point for our brick and bench program, which allows donors to engrave a brick or bench with a special message.

If you have personalized a brick along the walkway or are interested in learning more about the program, please save the date and join us for refreshments and a tour! More information will be available on our website closer to the date. To RSVP or request a hard copy invitation, please call Laurie at 816-508-3608. ■

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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