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Mark Your Calendar!

Walking for Dreams 2021 Set for May 23rd

On August 16, Ozanam Family Shelter was excited to participate in Walking for Dreams for the third consecutive year. The event date was postponed due to the pandemic, but that did not diminish our fundraising enthusiasm. With the help of more than 25 generous sponsors and donors, Ozanam raised over \$16,000. That total was boosted by \$5000 with the match provided by the Walking for Dreams organization. This money was a huge help to keep our shelter going this year. Walking for Dreams 2021 is scheduled for May 23. Watch for more details about the event and make plans to help support Ozanam at this important fundraiser.



Left: Our AMAZING team!

Below: Dr Terry and Jean Alvey
Walking for Dreams virtually.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



The word "Home" is getting a lot of attention these days. "Work from home" seems to be the most popular phrase with "Stay home and be safe" coming in a close second. But what if you don't have a home? There is no debate about it, 2020 has been a challenging year, even more challenging when you don't have a home to lay your head or feed your family.

Hello, my name is Bradley R. Hayden and I serve on the Board of Directors of The Ozanam Family Shelter as President. My grandfather, Robert Hayden was one of the founders of The Ozanam Family Shelter, also known as Deacon Bob or to our family, Granddad. Growing up, I can remember helping my father with various electrical work at St. Anthony's where Granddad first founded Ozanam and then continuing that work at our current Read Street location. A few years ago, during Granddad's funeral, I felt the nudge from above to get more involved with Ozanam Family Shelter.

When volunteering on the board, I was fortunate to hear several impactful stories about Granddad and his passion for Ozanam. When reflecting on these stories, I see that same passion from our Board of Directors and more importantly hear about that passion in our STAFF of The Ozanam Family Shelter. The STAFF at Ozanam are essential peacemakers, who can't "work from home" or "stay home and be safe". Asia, Dennis, Hellen, Xavier, Cameron, Tina, Ellen, Heather, and JoAnna are Ozanam's frontline workers that feed, house, and help the homeless. The donations we receive fund their salaries and help support the mission of The Ozanam Family Shelter.

As this challenging year ends, please consider donating to Ozanam so we can keep the passion alive!

THANK YOU ASIA, DENNIS, HELLEN, XAVIER, CAMERON, TINA, ELLEN, HEATHER, AND JOANNA for leaving your home to find a home for others!



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

For volunteer opportunities
or to donate to our shelter,
please visit OzanamFamilyShelter.org
or call 812-422-2214.

Only with your support are we able to serve
the many children, mothers and fathers who
pass through our doors each day.

Thank You and God Bless!

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,
As 2020 draws to a close, I hope that you and your loved ones have remained safe and healthy. Operating the shelter throughout this pandemic continues to be challenging with social distancing, constant cleaning and sometimes quarantining. But Ozanam continues to provide 40 to 60 moms, dads, and children, who are experiencing homelessness a safe place to shelter each night.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Ozanam has lost many of its loyal volunteers and has had to hire additional staff members to keep up with the cleaning and operations of the shelter. Additionally, due to restrictions on events, sadly, we will not be able to host our annual Sock Hop fundraiser in 2021. I ask that you please remember Ozanam as you plan your charitable giving. Your financial support is now more important than ever to ensure we can continue our mission of providing shelter to families experiencing homelessness in our community.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season!

-JoAnna Beck,
Executive Director



Board of Directors
Front: Jay Adams, Allen Hair, Randy Bauer, Brad Hayden and Nina Schultheis
Back: Andrea Mann, Julie Folz, Jean Alvey, Sister Maureen Houlihan, and Jenny Howard

MISSION

The Ozanam Family Shelter provides a safe emergency space for families to stay together while offering services and resources to help secure long-term housing solutions.

WHO WE ARE:

Ozanam is a unique emergency shelter in Evansville that houses families and single women. We can service up to 18 families and 4 single women under one roof. We provide safe, quality space, prepared meals, laundry facilities, and support services. We rely on financial and volunteer support from our local community to maintain the ability to keep families together while they work to rebuild their resources and explore housing options.

WE PROVIDE:

- 24-hour Shelter
- Case Management
- 3 Balanced Meals
- 2 Snacks
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Laundry Facilities
- Social Service Resources
- Employment Referrals
- Permanent Housing Plans
- Financial Counseling
- Bus Tokens



Funding for this program is provided (in part) by ESG funds, through the City of Evansville's Department of Metropolitan Development and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority.

A little way you can help!

We can ALWAYS use

- Socks • Shampoo • Conditioner
- Diapers • Deodorant

or check out our Amazon Wish List!

<https://a.co/cEg0Ef5>

Drop off at shelter or call us. THANK YOU!



We've updated our website!

OzanamFamilyShelter.org

Check it out to learn what's happening and to see how you can help.



Thank you Lambda Chi Alpha from UE for serving our residents! If your family or group would like to help prepare or serve food at the shelter, please contact us.



Ozanam Team Helps Army Veteran

Brian, a disabled Army Veteran, and his young daughter were experiencing homelessness and sought out emergency shelter with our facility. After working with the team at Ozanam, in collaboration with partner agencies, Brian was awarded monthly veteran's benefits in addition to a large lump sum for back pay. With this assistance, Brian was able to secure permanent housing for himself and his daughter.

We are happy to be a part of this success and so many others!



Giving Back to Ozanam:

Recently one Ozanam Resident was so grateful for the help she received from the shelter staff, she wanted to give back to say thank you. This resident utilized skills she had learned on her job with Handy Helpers to power wash the entire shelter property. She also orchestrated a project with the children to paint the picnic table in front of the shelter with their handprints. Ozanam was successful in helping her and her son get into permanent housing and she received a promotion to a major construction company in the area. It feels wonderful to have so many of our clients find their way after a little help from us!