How Did You Help Ozanam Families in 2022?

Ozanam housed OVER
185 families
and
600 individuals
More than
22,000 meals
meals were served
to our residents

Thank you for giving people a safe place to live during their time of homelessness.

How can you help Ozanam now?

URGENT NEEDS
1) Bath Towels - new or lightly used
2) Diapers- Size 5&6
3) Hair Conditioner
4) Canned Fruit

PRIORITY NEEDS
1) Blankets -new or lightly used
2) Sheets & Pillow Cases -new or lightly used
3) Coffee and Creamer
4) Shampoo
5) Band-aids

Items can be dropped at the Shelter, or call to arrange for pick up!

or Visit our Amazon wishlist! https://bit.ly/ozanamwishlist
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT
Happy spring! It’s already been a very busy and productive year for Ozanam Family Shelter. Let me start with my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the huge success of our annual dinner and auction fundraiser – 70’s Saturday Night! This event has grown tremendously in a short time, and I am truly overwhelmed by the support of so many people – volunteers, donors and sponsors - who helped us raise over $100,000. I didn’t think it would be possible to reach such an ambitious financial goal this soon. The funding is critically important in helping us continue our mission of helping families in our community facing homelessness. To top it off, I think everyone at the event had a great time while supporting this important cause. It was indeed a FUNdraiser!

We have also recently made some great improvements at Ozanam including upgrading our ramp and porch railing, new outdoor shelters and flooring repairs. We are thankful for our many community partners and contractors who work with us to ensure we get high quality service at an affordable price. That is so very important!

In closing, I want to thank our Board members, Ozanam director and staff members who work in partnership every day to keep the shelter running smoothly and assist our residents in securing stable housing. We have many success stories which serve as constant reminders of the very important services we provide in our community. I encourage you to check out this newsletter to learn more about the exciting work we are doing and how you can help!

Thank you!
Nina Schultheis
Board President

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 this 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 per Day
- 2 Snacks per Day
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Laundry Facilities
- Social Service Resources
- Employment Referrals
- Permanent Housing Plans
- Financial Counseling
- Bus Tokens

Join us for
WALKING FOR Dreams
Sunday, May 21, 2023
1:00 pm
Bally’s Evansville
Evansville Riverfront

Our fundraising is off to a great start, but corporate sponsors and individual donors are needed to help us reach our goal. Donations are eligible to be matched, so your contribution can go even further when you support Ozanam.

You may submit a donation in the enclosed envelope and note “Walking for Dreams” on your check or visit walkingfordreams.org

For more information, please contact
Ozanam Family Shelter
812-422-2214

A SUCCESS STORY
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Volunteer Spotlight
– Charlene Kaufman

Charlene Kaufman is one of Ozanam’s awesome volunteers! She serves on our Board of Directors and is a member of Ozanam’s fundraising committee. Several days each week, Charlene visits Ozanam after she leaves work to help serve meals to our residents. She also volunteers at “Kids’ Night” helping the children at the shelter with making crafts and playing games – and they get snacks too!

Charlene is a prolific volunteer not only with Ozanam but with other community organizations. She is a Red Cross Disaster Action team member and a Blood Drive Coordinator. Charlene is also on the Hospitality Committee at St. Philip Church.

When asked about her mission to volunteer, Charlene explained that one of her dad’s favorite bible verses was “Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.” (Gal 6:9). She certainly continues to live out that verse and leads by example. We are grateful to Charlene for all she does for Ozanam and our community!

Best wishes, Sr. Maureen!

Ozanam Family Shelter bids a fond farewell to Sister Maureen Houlihan. Sr. Maureen joined the Ozanam Board of Directors seven years ago and has been a valuable volunteer. She served as board secretary for three years and visited Ozanam weekly to help process donations, file and organize the office.

Sr. Maureen has a new assignment with the Daughters of Charity province in Emmitsburg, Maryland. We extend our most sincere appreciation for her service and wish her the very best in her next chapter.