

# We had a **Groovy Time** at '70s Saturday Night

Ozanam Family Shelter was excited to host its annual dinner and auction fundraiser, '70s Saturday Night on February 25, 2023.

Presented by Express Powder Coating and Old National Bank, the event raised more than \$100,000 to support Ozanam's mission.

Nearly 300 guests attended the event which included a silent auction, live auction, half pot drawing, dessert auction, mystery gift bags, heads & tails game and great music.

Special thanks go to all who attended and to our generous sponsors, donors and volunteers who contributed to the tremendous success of the fundraiser. **Save the date for next year - Saturday, Feb 24, 2024, at the Discovery Lodge!**



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## 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>





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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



Funding for Ozanam Family Shelter is provided, in part, by Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Funds, through the City of Evansville's Department of Metropolitan Development and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority.

## 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 – '70s 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!



Nina Schultheis with her husband, Brad, enjoying '70s Saturday Night.

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



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 farther 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](http://walkingfordreams.org)

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



## 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!

## A SUCCESS STORY

In the fall of 2022, a mom, "Carol," and her teenage sons came to Ozanam. They had been living in Kentucky and were escaping an abusive ex-boyfriend who was stalking and harassing them. The mom said it was scary moving out of state with her sons with hardly a dollar, but "Not as scary as staying there and being abused."

Admittedly, moving into Ozanam was a big adjustment at first, but she and her boys quickly settled into a good routine. The kids enrolled in high school and the bus picked them up in front of the shelter each morning. The family always ate breakfast and supper together. They said the meals were really good!

Ozanam gave the family a new start and a safe place to live as they identified and worked on their goals. Carol found a job and started saving money with the goal of getting an apartment. Staying at the shelter meant they did not have to spend any money on living expenses and could save more. Ozanam helped with backpacks, school supplies, personal hygiene items, and more. She shared, "We were always greeted with smiles and helpful attitudes which really made us feel at home." Within 60 days, Carol and her family were moving into their own two-bedroom apartment.

"We are forever grateful for the help we received from Ozanam!"



## 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.