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# Ozanam Family Shelter NEWS

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## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

### Dear Friends of Ozanam,

I am pleased to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of the Ozanam Family Shelter. I am both excited and grateful for the opportunity to help families experiencing homelessness find emergency shelter here in Evansville. I thank everyone for the warm welcome.

I have worked for over 14 years leading not-for-profit organizations, including eight years as the CEO of a YMCA in Illinois. Non-profit work is demanding but very rewarding - I can't think of a more important mission than providing a supportive environment so that our families feel safe and comfortable while working to regain their confidence and independence.

The need to be of service to one's own community has always resonated with me. I plan to make a positive impact and am so fortunate to be surrounded by an experienced, caring staff and thoughtful, involved board members committed to Ozanam's mission. I am eager to work with local partners and to identify and grow resources needed to ease the burden of struggle of our local families – those who just need a little help while they work to improve their personal situations.

Very Best Regards,

Larry Cornett  
Executive Director



## URGENT NEEDS

- 1) Diapers- Size 4&5
- 2) Men's and Women's Deodorant
- 3) Towels - new or lightly used
- 4) Twin and Full Size Linens - new or lightly used
- 5) Canned Fruit

## PRIORITY NEEDS

- 1) Paper Towels
- 2) Shampoo
- 3) Bodywash and Bar Soap
- 4) Blankets - new or lightly used

You can drop items off at the shelter or call us to pick up.

THANK YOU!

### WANTED:



We need a Four Pan Open Well Electric Steam Table with Angled Sneeze Guard for our Dining/ Food Serving Area. The one we are using now is wearing out. Prices range from \$1,500 to \$2,300 depending on features. A new unit would really help our staff and residents!

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

For volunteer opportunities or to donate to the Ozanam Family Shelter, please use enclosed envelope or visit [OzanamFamilyShelter.org](https://OzanamFamilyShelter.org) or call 812-422-2214.

Only with your support can we serve the many families – children, moms and dads – who pass through our doors each day.

Thank You and God Bless!



## Join us for '70s Saturday Night Feb. 25th

Ozanam Family Shelter is excited to host '70s Saturday Night on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023. Break out your grooviest '70s outfit and disco moves and boogie on down to the VFW on Wabash Avenue for an entertaining evening featuring dinner, drinks, music, silent and live auctions, games and more.

We are currently seeking event sponsors and auction donations. And tickets to '70s Saturday Night make great Christmas gifts. We need your support to make this event a success and help Ozanam continue its mission to provide emergency shelter to families who experience homelessness while assisting them in finding long-term housing solutions. Please check out the enclosed insert for more information on how you can support by sponsoring, donating auction items and purchasing tickets.

You can also contact Larry Cornett, Executive Director at 812-422-2214 or [director@ozanamfamilyshelter.org](mailto:director@ozanamfamilyshelter.org) for more information.



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**Honorary Lifetime Board Member**  
Randy Bauer

## 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 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.



## YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

Ozanam serves as a safe emergency shelter for families who stay an average of 30 to 45 days. During their time at Ozanam, our case manager and staff members direct our residents to community resources to help them remove barriers and secure employment, childcare, clothing, transportation and ultimately long-term housing. Our goal is to help our residents become more self-sufficient.

While it's not an easy task, our success rate has been strong. The second quarter of 2022 showed 72% of our families obtaining stable housing.

In the third quarter, we housed fewer residents due to construction on our first floor. We are proud and excited to share that our first-floor bathrooms have been completely renovated, and now all the rooms are again open to house residents.



Thanks to your generous donations, Ozanam was also recently able to replace mattresses in many of our residents' rooms, purchase new washers and dryers and plans are in the works to replace the gazebo roofs of the shelter area in the front of building and add fencing for safety.

Our Ozanam residents may be temporarily homeless, but they are not hopeless due to the generous support of our community.

**Thank you!**

## Ozanam Bookkeeper Needed

**Ozanam Family Shelter is in search of a bookkeeper to work approximately 4-6 hours per week.**

**For more information, please contact Larry Cornett at 812-422-2214 or [director@ozanamfamilyshelter.org](mailto:director@ozanamfamilyshelter.org).**

# Walking For Dreams is a great success!

The Ozanam team participated in the annual Walking for Dreams. The community fundraiser was held on May 22, 2022, in downtown Evansville. Our corporate sponsors, donors, and individual walkers helped us achieve our fundraising goal of \$25,000 which enabled us to take advantage of the matching grant. Thank you for your generous support!



## Thank you Walking for Dreams sponsors and donors!

Alles Foundation  
Ameriprise OnPoint Guiding Wealth  
Randy and Joanie Bauer  
Steve and Judy Blankenburger  
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Stringtown Elementary  
Traylor Brothers  
Tri-State Orthopaedics

## Volunteer Spotlight Randy Bauer

There are no words that can adequately describe the level of commitment and volunteer service Randy Bauer has provided throughout the years. He is a true kind and humble servant to the families and staff members of Ozanam Family Shelter.

Randy has served as a board member for over 16 years, and during his tenure, has held the office of Secretary for two years and President for eight years. He has been instrumental in the upkeep of the shelter and grounds and guided many capital improvement projects. When there's any type of maintenance issue at the shelter, Randy is the first one we call. And if he can't fix it himself, he always knows who can help get it done.

Randy is also a tireless advocate for Ozanam in the community. He never misses an opportunity to educate and spread the word about Ozanam's mission and works to secure donations to help us continue and enhance our operations.

When asked what accomplishment he was the most proud of Randy replied, "My greatest satisfaction by far has been working in a common environment with homeless families, being a part of their journey and keeping them together through it all."

Randy also shared how proud he has been to be part of a growing and strengthening Board of Directors. "I'm no longer an official Board Member, but I will always be an advocate and active volunteer for Ozanam and our families," he said.

Randy was recently voted as Ozanam's first honorary Lifetime Board Member. Although he never likes to be in the spotlight, this is a designation that he has truly earned and will fully embrace. He continues to serve on the Ozanam Maintenance Committee and visits the shelter multiple times a week just to see how he can help.

Thank you, Randy, for your continued service and dedication. We will always be grateful for the lasting impact you've made on Ozanam Family Shelter!

