



Ozanam  
basketball  
program

# Newsletter



We are committed to making a difference in the lives of the youth we serve.

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## *Basketball Game In Pittsburgh's Manchester Neighborhood Brings Together Officers And Kids*



Police and Participants.

For the past week and a half, Pittsburgh Police officers have volunteered their time to connect with kids.

PITTSBURGH (KDKA) – A basketball game in Pittsburgh's Manchester neighborhood Wednesday morning was about bridging the gap and forming a connection during a time where it seems we're dividing more than ever.

About a dozen kids not only played a good game of basketball, they also learned important parts of history and built relationships with those they may have been afraid to connect with before.

All of it has happened on the basketball court in Pittsburgh's Manchester neighborhood.

“Most of them get the negative and now they can get the positive and know there are two sides to it,” said Darelle Porter with Ozanam, Inc.

It's part of the Ozanam Unity in the Community Camp. Everyday for the last week and a half, a handful of Pittsburgh Police officers have volunteered their time to form a connection with kids — a connection that some say is needed now more than ever.

“I've been around a lot of good officers, so it's tough to try and convince them we're all not bad but that's rough,” said Pittsburgh Police Officer Sylvester Wright.

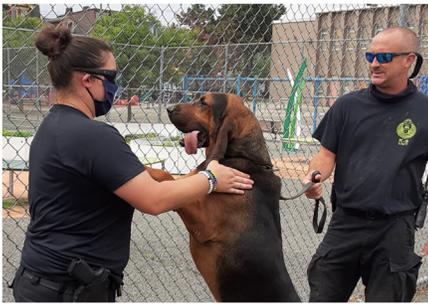
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### DID YOU KNOW.....?

1. Summer program 2020 was conducted outside at Ammon due to COVID-19, making it the first time in history of Ozanam that famous Ozanam Summer Basketball League was not played. The summer was tremendous as Ozanam was a worksite for city program, new programs emerged; Ozanam Steppers, a dance team, and reading program elevated as Ozanam collaborated with Reading is Fundamental program.
2. To donate, you can do so online or, you may send your check made out to “Ozanam, Inc” to: Ozanam, Inc.  
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3. Ozanam is a program affiliated with The Pittsburgh Promise that is designed to instill values such as; respect, discipline, and responsibility in Western Pennsylvanian children. The program also sets out to teach students the importance of balancing athletics and academics. Graduating seniors, who are Promise Ready (specific qualifications) can become four-year recipients of having tuition paid in full by attending a Pennsylvania college/university.

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Officer Megan with Police Bloodhound.



Police Chief Scott Schubert engaging young minds with Bryce Allen at side.



Pittsburgh TV Coverage.



OZ Brass with Pittsburgh Police Brass, Chief Schubert protected by beautiful police horse troop.



Up Close Ozanam original founder "The Carl Kohlman" Sneaker.



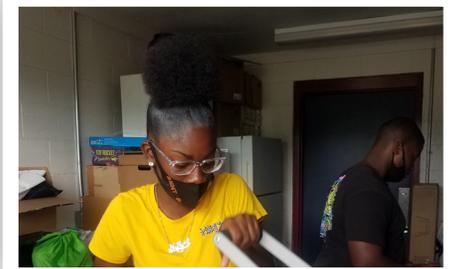
Chief Schubert and Best of Pittsburgh.



Ozanam Steppers dancing away!



Dance team taking move to the left.



Entrepreneurs at work.



Alumni Associate Warden Steals proud to show off famous OZ t-shirt with Assistant Chief Bickerstaff.

## Ozanam Board Members

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Caring for environment.



Dr. Rahmon Hart and Officer Butch "3601" look of confidence.



Bonded by friendship through sport.



All Smiles: Porter and Henry of 4-2-4.



Bright Baller Natale Jasper pleased with workout. Coach Cash eyeing future star.



Student interns learn a trade.



"Hey, you have my OZ red shirt." Reach and grab!!



Participant wide smiles make the Ozanam brighter.



"3601" handling media regarding Ozanam/Police collaboration.



Masked men leading respective organizations.



Boys, Bloodhounds, and Basketball.



Not much better than seeing high level of engagement.

# WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT UNITY IN COMMUNITY CAMP:



## Coach Alvis Rogers

This summer was a very interesting summer for camp, yet the Unity In The Community Camp was run very well with no incident during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Ozanam Unity In The Community Camp was one of the best Camps that I have ever been a part of. It was well organized and a lot of life lessons were taught to the campers everyday, with guest speakers from all walks of life sharing their life story. I am so honored to have been a part of the Unity In The Community Camp this summer. Let's keep it going.

## Coach Robert Cash

The Unity in the Community Camp has given everyone an opportunity to get to know police officers in and out of there uniforms. It has been unbelievable because we have all learn something that we may have never known when dealing with police officers. We have also found out that not all officers make wrongful decisions. Many of them live the life we live and care about our children and our communities.



## Bryce Allen

Unity in community taught us to help the world. Help people in communities Help keep world clean.

I'm in today's paper.

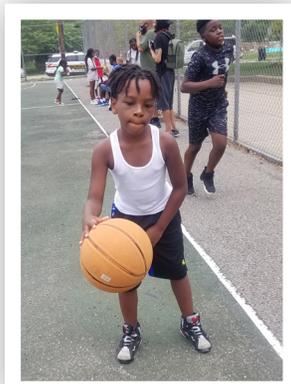


## Mar'jae Palmer

Unity in community camp was great because got to learn about police and why they arrest people. Also learned about Teenie Harris, famous black photographer and Chuck Cooper.

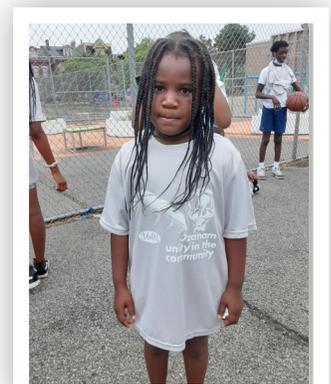
## Elijah Edwards

Being with Ozanam during Unity in Community camp taught me about getting to know police. Playing games with and against police. I got to talk with police and ask questions.



## Yamuna Rucker

When police first came to Unity in Community camp I was afraid of them. Then I got use to them coming to camp everyday plus I got to talk with them.



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“And we know we can’t do it without the community working with us. This is what it’s about, the youth that are here today,” said Pittsburgh Police Chief Scott Schubert.

The Pittsburgh Police chief, seen throwing footballs with the kids, wants them to know when they see a police uniform, it’s about keeping them safe.

“Get to know me. Don’t worry about the patch, don’t worry about the badge, get to know me,” said Schubert.

“If anytime in life they have an encounter with the police, it’s going to be positive before the encounter actually occurs because of what they went through as children,” said Dr. Karen Hall, Assistant Executive Director of Ozanam, Inc.

And in Manchester, kids can continue to play basketball every morning with Pittsburgh Police officers until this Friday.



Electrified Pound between Chief of Police and Dr. Hall.



Little Bryce has friends in high places-Police Chief Schubert.



Coach Alvis Roger's taking Carl Kohlman's sneakers home.



Leaders unifying community.



Participants and Police showing Ozanam is one.



Jala Rucker and Caryl Skinner - Chatman.



Assistant Chief Bickerstaff and Dr. Hall focused and fierce.



Oh. happy day!!! D. Porter, Officers Megan, Jonathan, Dominci with Sergeant Tiffany.



It's Unity in Community but it's competitive time.

# Alumni Corner

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Tonya controlling tempo with women colleagues in blue.



Author Margo Hinton awards Bryce Allen and Elijah Edwards with her easy read family book.



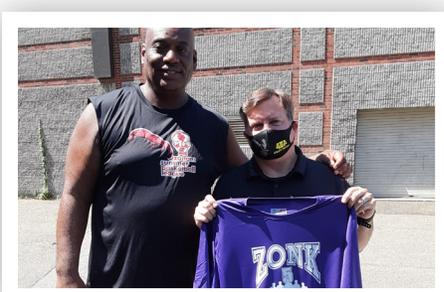
Margo protected on right and left side.



Checking legendary Kohlman sneakers colors...hmmm., nice white. Where are the purple and gold?



Queens of the Backcourt!



Representing infamous Zonk -5 Ozanam team. Porter and William Caye.



Referee extraordinaire Rich Alsberry sporting "hot" O.Z. t-shirt!



Believe in yourself! Dreams come true! Girl power with author and mentor Margo.



Hall presenting AAU Championship teammate T. Steals Ozanam Mask.

## ***Word From Executive Director***

This summer was one of the most amazing summers in Ozanam history. We were able to adjust to the new way of living with Covid19 restrictions and still provide outstanding programming. We moved all programming outside and adjusted to constantly changing rules and regulations. Our staff executed an outstanding summer full of education and plenty of fun for our campers. We launched the Ozanam Carl Kolhman signature basketball shoe to honor his legacy. We developed an African American Legends curriculum to educate our youth on the rich history of the Hill District and Pittsburgh.



## ***CONGRATULATIONS***

Ozanam Assistant Executive Director, Dr. Karen Hall was named to Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (WPIAL) Inaugural Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Council.



## IN MEMORIUM: JAMAIN "JUICE" STEPHEN



Jamain, "Juice" Stephen's was a fixture at Ozanam programs since he was twelve years old. He matured into a jovial, kindred-spirit, gifted student-athlete with personality that electrified a room. This summer "Juice" moved into a student intern role at Ozanam. He modeled behavior, engaged with peers in motivating moments, spent time talking with Ozanam coaches/staff about life and his future.

Shock and sadness overwhelmed all who know Jamain as the word of his transition to Heaven echoed from Pittsburgh and beyond.

Prayers and comfort for his family, friends, and people he touched with love.



## African American Facts:

IN A YEAR OF core-shaking developments in American life and politics, Joe Biden Thursday added another history-making event to 2020: he named Sen. Kamala Harris, the first Black woman and person of Indian descent to be nominated for a national office, to be his vice presidential nominee. [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com)



Thank You Players and Coaches for Supporting Black Lives! We have experienced historic solidarity of the Black Lives Matter Movement from national sports teams and players, from the Milwaukee Bucks — the first NBA team to strike during Game 5 to protest the shooting of Jacob Blake in the Buck's home state of Wisconsin — to Members of the WNBA's Minnesota Lynx, MLB's Milwaukee Brewers, and tennis star Naomi Osaka. [www.blacklivesmatter.com](http://www.blacklivesmatter.com)



On February 12, 2019, the NAACP marked its 110th anniversary. Spurred by growing racial violence in the early 20th century, and particularly by 1908 race riots in Springfield, Illinois, a group of African American leaders joined together to form a new permanent civil rights organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). February 12, 1909, was chosen because it was the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. [www.history.com](http://www.history.com)

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## FUN AND HEALTHY SNACKS

1. Peach Smoothie
2. Banana Chip Muffins
3. Oat Bars
4. Peanut Butter Sandwich
5. Popcorn
6. Chewy Honey Granola Bars
7. Party Pretzels
8. Deviled Eggs
9. Cheesy Snack Mix
10. Fruits and Veggies



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## Ozanam Facts:

- New program Unity in Community is instrumental in transforming visual outlook for youngsters through personal conversation and fun physical interaction with Pittsburgh Police.
- The "Carl Kohlman" Sneaker named after original founder Carl Kohlman was revealed in July 2020. Summer Camp participants and Ozanam staff received historic pair of shoes.
- Pittsburgh ABC, NBC, and CBS television affiliates, Lynne Hayes-Freeland Show radio show, and Pittsburgh Tribune Newspaper covered Ozanam's collaboration with Pittsburgh Police and historic unveiling sneakers in name of original Ozanam founder Carl Kohlman. Ozanam spans 50-plus years.