Ozanam basketball program Newsletter

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

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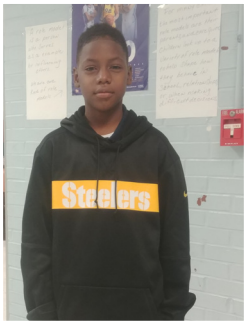
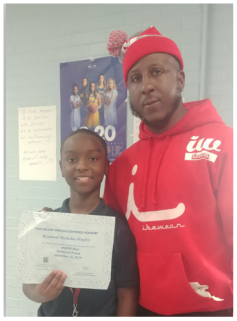
Ozanam Participant Feature: What does Christmas mean to you?



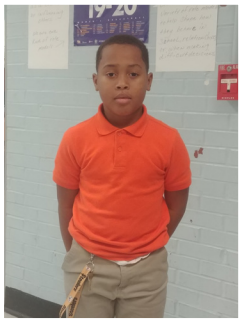
"Christmas means the day that God was known to the world"

Romello Harris



"Enjoying time with family. Celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Raymont Hughely with Donnie Kyte (Ozanam Staff)



"Christmas means fun."

Tashawn Cogdell

"Thankfulness, joy, and fun."

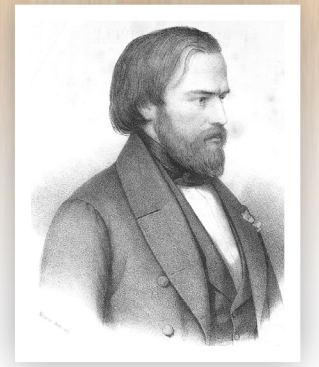
Mycah White with mom Maya Kelly

"Joy, gifts and to spend time with your family"

Trinity Smith

DID YOU KNOW…..OZANAM?

1. Helps boys and girls of Western Pennsylvania develop into responsible young adults through positive developmental training, including educational programming, athletic competition, social activities, cultural exchanges, and additional support services.
2. Ozanam participants for over 50 years including today have gone on to further their education at the college level. Many accepted scholarships to continue their basketball careers.



3. Frederic Antione Ozanam, the French historian, who Ozanam was named after, founded the Conference of Charity, later known as St. Vincent de Paul. He proved to be a leader who helped others help the poor. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1997. www.famvin.org

Seasons Greeting from Executive Director!!

As the year comes to an end, I want to reflect on the awesome work being done with the programs being offered at Ozanam.

In the last six weeks, we have delivered Thanksgiving turkeys to all of our Afterschool Program Families and hosted a winter coat giveaway at Burlington Coat Factory downtown Pittsburgh. In addition, we also provided families with holiday hams for Christmas and took several college visits.

Academically, 80% of Ozanam afterschool program kids made honor roll, highlighting the importance of academics. We had a special visit from the Harlem Globetrotters to promote living a healthy life style.

Looking forward into next year, I want to thank all the supporters and sponsors who make it possible for the success of our programs.

Happy New Year!

Thank You to Kathy Herzer for your donation of school supplies.

Ozanam Board Chair, Milona Wall and grandson Beau, enjoy Harlem Globetrotters in gym full of kids.

Ozanam family participants receive Thanksgiving holiday turkey.

Jeff Capel, University of Pittsburgh Head Men's Basketball Coach poses with Ozanam Leadership. Pictured Front Left: Milona Wall & Dr. Karen Hall. Pictured Back Left: Darelle Porter and Coach Capel.

Thank You to Dr. Rahmon Hart and Rivers Casino for the Christmas Hams donation to our families.

Thank You to the Office of Residence Life at Duquesne University for speaking to our students and giving out Halloween candy.

Thank You to Dr. Trent Gause and his wife Patty, along with Curtis Aiken for donating our student's winter coats, hats and gloves for the winter season.

Thank You to Curtis Aiken and his gracious and kind staff from Pro Tech for providing a full home cooked early Thanksgiving Dinner for our Ozanam/Josh Gibson After School Program students and families.

Dr. Karen Hall came by the After School Program today for a Nutritional Facts Presentation. Special Thank You to the Pittsburgh Penguins organization for providing our healthy snacks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. - 2 Schools Reopen / ASP Begins

Jan. - 15 Martin Luther King Holiday

Feb. - 3-7 National Girls and Women and Sports Day/Week

Feb. - 14 Valentine's Day

March - 20 St. Patrick's Day

Ozanam Board Members

Officers:

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Executive Director
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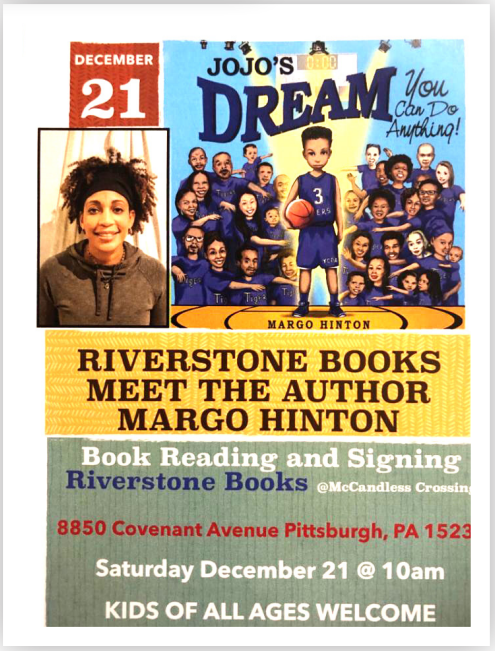
Alumni Happenings

Darelle Porter

Ozanam Executive Director, received the *Citizen of The Year Award* at the 2019 Achievement Awards Dinner November 22, 2019 from Iota Phi Foundation, the philanthropic 501© 3 Arm of Iota Phi Chapter, Pittsburgh Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Margo Hinton

former Indiana University of Pennsylvania standout, now Two-Time Author. She published her second book in November. Her book is titled: *JoJo's Dream You Can Do Anything*



Harlem Globetrotters visit Ozanam

An awesome 50-60 kids, which included Ozanam participants and surrounding area middle school kids met larger-than-life Harlem Globetrotters on Monday, December 9th at Ammon Recreation Center.

The world famous Globetrotters were in Pittsburgh promoting their return to Pittsburgh Thursday, December 26th at PPG Paints Arena.

Kids asked Globetrotters questions, indulged in the infamous Harlem Globetrotters Circle of Tricks and had an opportunity to take pictures with and receive autographs with talented basketball tricksters.

Macedonia Church of Pittsburgh Gifts Ozanam, Inc.

On November 24, 2019, Macedonia Church of Pittsburgh raised $60,000 via tithes and offerings. Those funds were sown into ten nonprofit organizations who displayed transformative work in the communities in which they serve. Ozanam was one of the ten nonprofits. Ozanam was gifted a $6,000 Check.

Executive Director Darelle Porter accepted the monetary gift from Pastor Brian J. Edmonds as part of Macedonia *Beyond the Walls* (Outreach Initiative). Also representing Ozanam in attendance were Ms. Milona Wall, Dr. Karen Hall and Mr. Donnie Kyte.

Darelle Porter, Executive Director

TEN TIPS FOR TASTY EATING DURING HOLIDAYS

1. Eat before drinking and celebrating
2. Eat and chew slowly.
3. Serve meals restaurant-style.
4. Use smaller plates.
5. Sneak in the veggies.
6. Just say no.
7. Wait before grabbing seconds.
8. Take it easy on the white stuff (White bread and refined sugars- Pop & Candy)
9. Beware of booze.
10. Cave into cravings in moderation

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African American Facts:

The Red, Green, and Yellow traffic lights were invented in 1923 by Garret Augustus Morgan, Sr., an African American inventor and business man as well as influential political leader. Morgan was also known to invent and receive a patent for the first gas mask invention in 1914. www.transportation.gov.

The National Museum of African American History & Culture house the following statues: Tommie Smith, John Carlos, and Peter Norman at the 1968 Olympics, Jesse Owens running at the 1936 Olympics, Venus and Serena Williams celebrating a women's doubles championship, and Michael Jordan's last shot as a member of the Chicago Bulls. www.nmaahc.si.edu/sports.

Sarah Boone is the inventor of the ironing board. In April 26, 1982, obtained United States patent rights for her improvements to the ironing board. The board was very narrow, curved, and made of wood. Her ironing board was designed to improve the quality of ironing sleeves and the bodies of women's garments. www.biography.com.

Thank You:

Swank Construction Company., LLC, T.E.A.C.H.E.R.S., First National Bank, APOST, Pittsburgh Public Schools, Department of Human Services, Duquesne University Learning Center, University of Pittsburgh, McGinley Foundation, UPMC, Citiparks, BNY Mellon, Josh Gibson Foundation, Dr. Maria Townsend, Heinz Endowment, Pittsburgh Promise, Fuel Up to Play 60, Clark Hill Thorpe Reed., Dave Edmunds, Urban Officials, Focus Imaging & Printing, Community Leadership and Development, Macedonia Church of Pittsburgh.

Ozanam Facts:

- Ozanam has been housed at Ammon Recreation Center since 2008.
- Four Original Ozanam staffers under Mr. Carl Kohlman from 1980's reside in Pittsburgh.
- Ozanam operates 12 months. Every month Ozanam host programming.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

from

Ozanam summer basketball league