

What is Ozone House?

Ozone House is a community-based, nonprofit agency that helps young people lead safe, healthy and productive lives through intensive intervention and prevention services. Through these support services, we help youth develop essential life skills, improve their relationships, and enhance their self-image so that they realize their full potential for growth, self-sufficiency and happiness.

Founded in 1969, Ozone House is the only provider of comprehensive support services for youth in crisis (ages 10 - 24) and their families in Washtenaw County and serves as a national model for providing high-quality care to youth who face homelessness, abuse, neglect, poverty, family conflict, human trafficking, and more.

The Need: Youth Homelessness

We know there are over 4.3 million homeless youth in America. In Washtenaw County alone, there are approximately 2,000 homeless youth. Over 1,150 of these youth are school-aged (through 18). In 2017, neighboring Wayne County saw the closing of two youth shelters, leading many more youth from outside Washtenaw County to seek services through Ozone House.

The Impact: 2018 Ozone House by the Numbers

- 11,150 hot meals served
- 2,100 youth accessed our 24/7 phone, text and chat line
- 1,000 backpacks were distributed to homeless students in our schools
- 800 youth received tailored support services including housing, healthcare, therapy & job training
- 100 youth slept in a safe, warm bed at Ozone House

The Future: Ozone House "Front Door" Campaign

Since our founding 50 years ago, we have added and expanded our programs, however, our physical space has not kept pace with demand and must be brought up to best practices to effectively serve the youth of our community. Our new home will be a single campus for our emergency shelter, housing and support services that increases accessibility and efficiency, and promotes shared resources.

The Outcomes: Our New Home

- The ability to comfortably sleep up to 32 youth every night - 150% increase
- On-site job training and education center for up to 800 youth annually
- Therapy offices that provide a healing atmosphere
- Outdoor and indoor recreational spaces to promote health and wellness
- Laundry and shower facilities for homeless clients
- Community room for hosting event for youth and families, as well as trainings, seminars and other small community gatherings

How to Support Ozone House:

Ozone House is asking for donations to support the mission of providing all of their services to homeless youth and their families free of charge. Funds raised during the "Front Door" Campaign will go towards the construction of the new building to ensure that the quality of our facility matches the quality of our services. Donations can be made directly at www.ozonehouse.org or by calling our administrative office at 734-662-2265.

Our Services -All Free of Charge to the Community:

- Crisis Line: 2,100 youth and parents/guardians access 24-hour, 7 days/week immediate Crisis Intervention via phone, text or online chat
- Emergency Shelter: 70 youth ages 10 - 17 access our Safe Stay Emergency Shelter
- Housing Programs: 30 youth ages 16 - 25 access transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and rapid rehousing apartments
- Therapy: 100 youth ages 10 - 20 and their families access therapy and mental health services
- Engagement and Outreach: 10,000 youth and families connect with resources
- Substance Use Support: 150 youth are screened, receive brief interventions and referrals through the Engagement Program
- Case Management: 120 youth ages 17 - 20 receive case management services
- Drop-In Center: 400 youth visit our Drop-In Center annually to eat a hot meal, be in a safe place after school, receive crisis intervention services, and access service linkages
- WorkZone: 50 youth successfully complete our job training and paid internship program
- Advocacy: SpeakOut Group comprised of formerly homeless youth and form Ozone House clients, meet with local, state and national policymakers to educate them on the needs of homeless youth. SpeakOut also provides trainings to school personnel and conducts shows and presentations across Washtenaw County highlighting the harsh realities of youth homelessness.

Renderings:

