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Safe place. Real support.

Happy Spring!

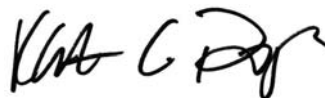
This season is already bursting with ways you have supported youth to lead safe, healthy and productive lives. We are so grateful for your generosity and creativity! You impart skills, vote for us on Facebook, organize tennis tournaments, parties, and gift shows to benefit youth. You invested resources from your Bat Mitzvah to support Ozone House. And in this newsletter, you will find even more opportunities to support homeless youth.

You are the reason Ozone House is a **safe place** with **real support**.

Make a Donation




Thank you,



Katie Doyle
Executive Director

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Skills for Life

Providing youth with basic needs is essential, but life skills are the key for youth to transition into adulthood.



Get In the Zone!



From creating resumes, resolving conflicts, preparing for college, youth learn vital life skills

at Ozone House. Last week, youth aging out of foster care

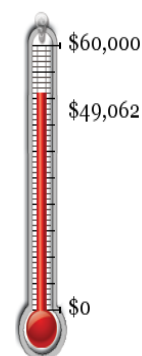
came together at Ozone House learned about how to buy a car with a volunteer from Dunning Toyota.

At our emergency shelter, youth learn skills every day, skills such as first aid and nutrition from Washtenaw 4H. They explore science and nature with "Steve the Science Guy" (a U of M professor), as well as how to get involved in their community, how to deal with gangs, and how to see their own behavior in a new way with staff from the Washtenaw County Explorer Program.

We are very grateful for these generous community members who teach vital life skills. They are key to the success of Ozone House and our ability to support youth to lead safe, healthy and productive lives.

Matching Gift Challenge

In order to provide basic needs during these challenging times, the Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan has pledged to match every contributions to our Emergency Shelter at a rate of 1-to-2. Your gift of \$100 would become \$150 to support young people who come to the shelter due to serious family conflict, homelessness or unsafe situations.



So far, we've raised 73% of the funds needed to secure all of the matching funds pledged by the Community Foundation with support from the Max M. and Marjorie S. Fisher Foundation this year. There is no better time to donate to Ozone House - please help us reach our goal of \$60,000. See <http://ozonehouse.org/give/shelterchallenge.php> for more information.

The Sweet 15 Facebook Challenge Continues

Thanks to you, Ozone House has made it into the top 15 non-profits in the Bank Of Ann Arbor's Sweet 15 Challenge on Facebook.



In this contest, the top 5 nonprofits will receive \$10,000. Your votes for Ozone House from now until May 12 will help us move up into one of the top five spots.

If you are on Facebook, we hope you will keep voting and encourage your friends and family to vote each and everyday.

To vote, click here: <http://apps.facebook.com/sweet> fifteen

TLC Expressions

Spring Sale to Benefit Ozone House!

Friday and Saturday, May 6 & 7, 9am-5pm

Absolute Title, Inc. at 2875 W. Liberty in Ann Arbor

Please join TLC Expressions for their Spring Sale to benefit Ozone House! Get ready for spring with their sales on garden art, vintage planters, fun things for kids and great Mother's and Father's day gifts.

TLC expressions is a small, home-based business founded by Jean DiGiuseppe and Sue Walter. They have been active in non-profit activities in Ann Arbor for over 30 years.

For more information, call 734-663-6531.

Tennis Anyone?

**Thursday, June 2 - Sunday June 5
2011 VTA Tennis Classic**

University of Michigan Varsity Tennis Center

Mark your calendars for June 2nd-5th. The Professional Educator's Group is hosting the 13th Annual Visionary Tennis Association Tennis Classic at UM Varsity Tennis Center and the proceeds will benefit Ozone House!



Entry fees start at \$25.00 for singles and \$50.00 for doubles. Click here to [Sign up today](#): the event is sure to sell out and the deadline for entries is Friday, May 27th.

Toyota 100 Cars for Good

Do you Facebook?

If so, **Vote for Ozone House on June 28 in the Toyota 100 Cars for Good Program!**

As one of the 500 finalists from around the country, Ozone House is please to participate in Toyota's 100 Cars for Good contest.



We will be competing against 4 other organizations nationally on June 28th, and we need your help!

You can sign up for a reminder to vote on the [Toyota Facebook page](#). We will also send out reminders via our [fanpage](#).

Save The Date

Friday September 16, 2011

Please join us for a late summer dinner at the Ann Arbor Farmer's Market celebrating local chefs, local businesses, and Ozone House's service to youth in our community.

Last year, we welcomed over 275 guests and over 90 volunteers - raising \$50,000 to support our programming. Email Holly at hthomas@ozonehouse.org to make an early bird reservation!



Thank You!

To all our friends and volunteers who support Ozone House throughout the year! Special thanks to:

- **Molly Shapiro** learned about the work Ozone House does with LGBTQ youth as she was preparing for her Bat Mitzvah. She chose to share her own money to purchase a Wii system for youth staying in our shelter and also delivered a lasagna dinner to QueerZone.
- **Jeanne and Joe Learman** held a spring party where friends and family donated \$4,600 for Ozone House's Education Fund. Jeanne and Joe helped establish the Fund so that young people get the help they need to continue their education after high school, visit our [Education Fund](#) page on our website to learn more.
- **Rita Komives, Cindy Colorusso, and Kim Pennink** hosted a Spring party where friends and family raised over \$730 for Ozone House's Emergency Shelter.
- **Dykema**- The employees of Dykema Law Firm, chose Ozone House as their charity of choice for their Jeans Day Event raising \$135.00 for homeless youth.
- **Myra Klarman**- Visit Sweetwaters on West Washington to check out the beautiful exhibit of Myra Klarman's photography. Thank you Myra for including some of



your work for Ozone House and in your blog post on [Relish](#).

- **Alpha Phi Omega and Donors to Ozone House's Prom Exchange**- Thanks to your support many young people will be able to go to prom this year with a beautiful dress of their own.

Visit our website's [Thank You page](#) to view even more Ozone House supporters.



Our Mission.

Ozone House is a community-based, nonprofit agency that helps young people lead safe, healthy, and productive lives.

Since 1969, Ozone House has actively developed unique, high-quality housing and support programs and services that provide support, intervention, training, and assistance to runaway, homeless, and high-risk youth and their families.

Through these support services, we help youth develop essential life skills, improve their relationships, and enhance their self-image so that they may realize their full potential for growth and happiness. All our services are completely free, voluntary & confidential.

To learn more about Ozone House, please visit www.ozonehouse.org.

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