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### Founder's Day

Dear Katie,

Ozone House was founded 42 years ago this month! But we are not the only ones celebrating milestones; we are very excited to report that more youth in Ozone House programs are graduating this year than in any year in recent memory!

If you are on Facebook, help us celebrate this milestone by "Liking" our Facebook page, and by voting for Ozone House to win a new minivan on Toyota's Facebook page on Tuesday June 28!

Scroll down in this message to learn more news from Ozone House; it's been a busy season already!

Thank you for your ongoing support; your investments in Ozone House make a real and immediate difference in the lives of vulnerable youth.

Thank you,

Katie Doyle  
Executive Director

*PS: I hope to see you September 16 at "An Evening at the Farmer's Market"! See below for more information.*

**Toyota 100 Cars for Good Facebook Challenge**

### Invest in Ozone House



### Join Us on Facebook



### Get In the Zone!



**Tuesday, June 28**



**Are you on Facebook?** If so, please **help us win a van** from the Toyota's 100 Cars for Good program! We are competing against only 4 other organizations, so the odds are good...if we can get out the vote!



To help, follow these easy steps:

1. Schedule **a minute to vote** for Ozone House on **Tuesday, June 28** on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/toyota>. You can only vote once, so it does only take a minute to win it!

2. **Send this message** to at least 20 others and post messages on your own Facebook page on June 28 encouraging others to vote.

3. **Report back to us** on our Facebook page about where we stand in the rankings! (Only the voter can see the rankings, so we won't know how we are doing unless you tell us throughout the day.)

This Toyota Sienna Minivan will help homeless young people move their modest belongings into their own homes, and will transport our highly trained team of Youth Peer Outreach Workers as they reach out to youth on the street and in the community who need Ozone House services.

Vote for OZONE HOUSE on June 28 in Toyota's 100 Cars for Good Program! <http://www.facebook.com/toyota>

## Congratulations to The 2011 Ozone House High School Graduates



A record number of Ozone House youth graduated high school this year! Some may have believed this day would never come. Our Partners at the Education Project for Homeless Youth reported in their May 2011 newsletter that:

- An estimated 75% of runaway and homeless youth dropped out or will drop out of school, while one in five homeless school-age children repeats a grade, twice the national rate for all children.
- Washtenaw County Fall 2010 MI Education Assessment

Program (MEAP) scores indicate that a significant number of homeless students are not proficient in math, reading or writing.

Graduation for Ozone House youth is therefore a tremendous accomplishment. Though this milestone should be a time for celebration, many youth we know are feeling some anxiety about where they go from here. Graduation often means they are now on their own.

For many with nowhere to go, Ozone House is there for them.

In the SOLO (Supported Opportunities for Living On your Own) program, we help youth obtain and maintain stable housing.

At Miller House, our Transitional Living Program, youth ages 17-20 stay for up to 18 months, paying us "rent" that we hold in a savings account until they move out on their own.

Both programs provide youth with counseling, employment training, life skills development and case management.

Neither program would be possible without the support of committed community members like you.

To learn more about these programs [click here](#).

## 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 us at [hthomas@ozonehouse.org](mailto:hthomas@ozonehouse.org) to make an early bird reservation!



## The Year in Review

The Ozone House 2010 Annual Report is out!



Once again, the report is peppered with local photographer celebrity Myra Klarman's beautiful photos. The report features our street outreach team, who are out on the street every week sharing information with youth in the community, as well as generous supporters who have invested their time, talent, and resources in our collective mission to help youth lead safe, healthy, and productive lives.



[Click here](#) to view the Annual Report in PDF format. To request a copy, please contact Carol Lessure [clessure@ozonehouse.org](mailto:clessure@ozonehouse.org).

## Thank You!



To all our friends and volunteers who support Ozone House throughout the year!

Special thanks this month to:

**University of Michigan RAHS School Based Health Centers and Oak Pointe Church** for all of their hard work creating such a beautiful garden for Ozone House youth to enjoy.

**Drag King Rebellion.** The *Kiss My Gender Show* raised vital funds for Ozone House's Kicked Out Fund, which supports local LGBTQ youth.

**The Professional Educators Group, Inc.'s** 2011 VTA Tennis Classic raised \$600 For Ozone House!

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

## From the Archives

Do you know anyone in these pictures? Did you work, volunteer or receive services at Ozone House in the past?

We want to know how you are! Please visit our [facebook page](#) today to check more great photos or to write on our wall, or email Carol Lessure [clessure@ozonehouse.org](mailto:clessure@ozonehouse.org) to set up a tour or share your story.



### **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](http://www.ozonehouse.org).**

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