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Leadership Development

The Peer Outreach Worker Program at the Ozone House Drop-In Center provided nineteen youth ages 14 - 18 with a week of leadership training after school. From this group of tomorrow's leaders, Ozone House has selected five youth to serve as Peer Outreach Workers (POWs) during this school year.

Our Street Outreach Program is a powerful, proactive way that Ozone House uses to connect trained Peer Outreach Workers (POW) with local homeless, runaway, or at-risk youth to let them know about the services we offer and promoting a healthy attitude. These POWs play a critical role in the lives of young people who don't know where to turn, while at the same time, building their own leadership skills.


Congratulations to this year's POWs!

- Eric Streeter, Washtenaw Community College
- Demoní McIntyre, Skyline High School
- Tiffany Cho
- Cedric Charles-Hatter, Belleville High School
- Andere Small, Washtenaw Community College

Taking it to the Streets!

As an emeritus board member, Bob Holmes finds creative ways to generate support for our work. This summer, he trekked across the Upper Peninsula on his bike to raise over \$2,400 for Ozone House. One of our community partners, Art Van, matched it dollar-for-dollar so that WorkZone, a program that provides young people with work training and experience, received \$4,800. Bravo, Bob! We'd also like to also recognize congregants at the First Congregational





Church of Ann Arbor for supporting Bob's effort to support Ozone House youth.

Happy Hallozone!

On Monday, Oct 31st, our Drop-In Center will host Hallozone, a free event for young people to celebrate Halloween in a fun and safe environment. The event will feature candy, costumes, games, live music! The Drop-In is open M-F to youth ages 13-20 and is located at 102 N. Hamilton in Ypsilanti.

Kicked Out the Jams 2.0

Want to show your support for Ozone House and enjoy a night of live music and entertainment? Mark your calendar for Friday, Nov 18th, and join us at the 2nd annual **Kicked Out the Jams** event in support of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer and/or Questioning (LGBTQ) youth at risk of homelessness. This year's event will be held at **The Necto** at 516 E. Liberty St. in Ann Arbor and will feature recording artist Bitch, as well as local bands, a special guest, and a silent auction. Cover is \$10 with a student ID or \$15 for general admission.

The funds raised at this event will go towards the [Kicked Out Fund](#) which supports our 24-hour Ozone House crisis line and our **QueerZone** youth nights that provide LGBTQ youth with a safe place to get a hot meal, access to services, and have fun. Want to learn more? Visit our [KOTJ Facebook page](#) for this awesome event. We look forward to seeing you there!



KICKED OUT THE JAMS 2.0
A CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE KICKED OUT FUND FOR LGBTQ YOUTH AT OZONE HOUSE

FEATURING BITCH, FORMERLY IN "BITCH AND ANIMAL" AND ON SCREEN IN "SHORTBUS" AND "THE L WORD"

Liberty Dental PC

FRI NOV 18th

@ THE NECTO
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DOORS OPEN 6:30PM
SHOW STARTS 7:00PM
\$15 GENERAL ADMISSION
\$10 WITH STUDENT ID
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If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Heather Steenrod at (734) 662-2265 ext. 25 or hsteenrod@ozonehouse.org before October 21.

Special Thanks

Ozone House thanks all of these groups and organizations for their recent support!

Google Ann Arbor Sales Team for their generous donation of \$2500 this summer.

The **Covergirl Chapter of [Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority](#)** for their generous donation of \$1,123 to Ozone House at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

[PNC Bank](#) for their generous \$2500 grant to support emergency shelter and transitional living program for homeless 10 - 20 year-olds in Washtenaw County.

Art Van Furniture for their contribution of \$1000 (in addition to the \$15,000) to Ozone House as one of the top Michigan Charities in the 2010 Art Van Million Dollar Charity Challenge. And thanks to all our supporters who voted for Ozone House online!

Women Out Working (WOW) for coming by our main location in August to remove a steam heater, plaster the ceiling, recarpet our stairwell and make much needed changes to our conference room. Thanks to you, Ozone House is a more comfortable and safe place for our clients and staff.

Visit our [website](#) to see 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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