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Here We Go Again! **Ozone House sign stolen**

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Things seemed to be going according to normal yesterday at the main office of Ozone House Youth and Family Services, located in Ann Arbor, Michigan, when crisis line volunteer Ryan Nordberg announced to staff that the large sign outside had disappeared.

The group walked outside in disbelief. Not only was it a shock to see the barren wood stakes in the lawn without the striking sign, but this was the *second time* the sign has been stolen since Ozone House relocated to Washtenaw Avenue in 1997. The first theft occurred in January of 1998.

The 2-feet-by-7-feet wooden sign will cost \$500 to replace. "While I'm sure those who stole the sign meant no harm," said Executive Director Mary Jo Callan, "Ozone House has too few resources to waist on accommodating childish pranks. I urge whoever took the sign to return it, so that we can continue to dedicate our efforts and resources where they belong – toward youth and families in crisis."

Police have stated that they are unable to do anything until, and if, the sign is found.

The perpetrators must have taken the sign sometime on Monday night. If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of the sign, please contact Ozone House or the police. "We will not press any charges," said Director Callan, "We just want our sign back."

Ozone House is a non-profit dedicated to youth and family services. Since 1969, Ozone House has provided a wide array of free services to youth and families in crisis, and has remained committed to helping young people lead safe, healthy and productive lives through intensive prevention and intervention services.

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