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Chelsea District Library & CHS Interact Club Partner to Help Homeless Youth

Chelsea District Library (CDL) and the Chelsea High School Interact Club are teaming up once again to help homeless teens in the local community. The annual Teen Supply Drive, which benefits Ozone House, aims to eliminate anxiety surrounding personal care by collecting a variety of health and hygiene supplies for the young people the nonprofit supports.

According to Ozone House, there are approximately 1300 homeless youth in Washtenaw County each year. Homelessness in children can be the result of financial instability, mental illness in their family, abuse, or a host of other issues. Ozone House provides holistic support and services to teens in need - including housing, counseling services, meals, job training, and school support.

The library has hosted an annual supply drive to benefit Ozone House since 2010. The 2023 drive brought the addition of a partnership with service-minded teens from Chelsea High School's Interact Club, a student service club affiliated with Chelsea Rotary Club that focuses on helping people in the school and community.

Supplies will be collected from December 1–20 at the library, Chelsea Senior Center, and each Chelsea School building. Following the drive, the Interact Club students will sort and package the items and deliver them to Ozone House. Teen Librarian Stacey shares, "We are so pleased to partner with Chelsea High School students to support their peers who are in need. Ozone House does incredibly important work with this underserved population and we are so grateful to the Chelsea community for their generosity in helping us support them."

Ozone House's current wish list includes:

- $25 gift cards to Target or Walmart
- Full size shampoo
- Full size conditioner
- Full size body lotion
- Full size body wash
- Curly hair products
- Curl cream

- Hair ties
- Combs/hair brushes
- Baby Formula
- All-purpose Cleaner
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Lysol Spray
- Degreaser
- Pine Sol
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Trash Bags
- Laundry Detergent
- Dishwashing Pods
- Kitchen Rags
- Dishwashing liquid
- Disinfectant Supplies (Clorox wipes and spray, etc.)
- Pepto Bismol tablets
- iPhone Chargers and Cables
- Cell Battery Packs
- Dongle Adapter
- Headphones for mp3 players
- New winter jackets for children (S, M, L, XL)
- New winter jackets for young adults (S, M, L, XL)

About Ozone House: Ozone House is a community-based organization that offers young people, who are in crisis, face homelessness or housing instability, a safe space. Services include emergency services, counseling, drop-in center, transitional housing, job training, leadership opportunities, LGBTQ+ services, college support, school support K-12, and substance abuse support. Ozone House has been in the community since 1969. www.ozonehouse.org.

About Us: Chelsea District Library (CDL) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to engage, inspire, and equip through evolving services and resources. CDL currently serves 16,126 residents in the Chelsea library district—City of Chelsea, Lyndon and Sylvan Townships, and the portions of Lima and Dexter Townships within the Chelsea School District. For more information visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

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