

Ozone House is requesting that the City of Ann Arbor forgive our non-interest mortgage granted in 1997 for \$75,000 with the sale of 1705 Washtenaw Avenue. The ONLY way for us to expand our life saving services for our community is to build a new home.

By forgiving this mortgage, the City of Ann Arbor will be part of Ozone House’s efforts to provide 24/7, lifesaving housing and support services to our community’s most vulnerable youth. We have been at 1705 Washtenaw Avenue for the last 22 of our 50 years serving this community and we are seeking your support.

Every dollar paid for this home will be immediately reinvested into our mission. Moreover, we hope to get the full value for this property so that we can be debt-free at the completion of the project. *Every dollar we pay on interest on a mortgage detracts from our ability to serve our community’s youth.* We hope you will join us! Thank you for considering this investment.

	<p>Since 1969, Ozone House has offered thousands of youth and families in crisis or who face homelessness with a safe place to heal and move forward. We are the only organization in Washtenaw County doing this important work, and we are known nationally for the high-quality services we provide.</p>
	<p>We are selling this property because we are in the process of building a new 19,000 square foot facility that is going to house and support more young people than ever before. Our new home is located at 1600 N Huron River Drive in Ypsilanti. Here is what this new building has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to comfortably sleep up to 32 youth every night – a 150% increase in beds available for our community’s homeless youth • An on-site job training and education center for up to 800 youth annually • Therapy offices that provide a healing atmosphere • Outdoor and indoor recreational spaces • Expanded storage space to offer more food, toiletries and clothing • A community room for hosting events for youth and families, as well as trainings, seminars, and other gatherings
	<p>The total cost of our building project is \$6.3M. We are funding this in two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Front Door Campaign (capital campaign) set an ambitious goal of raising \$5M for our new home. We have raised \$4.6M and are in the process of closing out the campaign after several years of hard work. • In order to raise the full amount needed to fund our new site, we are also relying on revenue from the sale of this property and our transitional living group home on the west side of Ann Arbor.

To learn more about what this project means for young people, we hope you will watch our campaign video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojAYgyOvNBs&t=11s>.