



Thank you for your contributions for the motorcycle ride sponsored by South Michigan Wheels, Inc. This past year's ride was a great success and raised nearly \$20,000 to benefit Ozone House, due to the hard work of so many volunteers and the generous sponsorships that make the ride possible.

Ozone House deeply appreciates the support of South Michigan Wheels, Inc. Midwest Wheels of Hope ride. Net proceeds generated from the ride help Ozone House make a real and lasting difference in the lives of many young people in need in our community. As a small community-based nonprofit with limited resources, financial support raised from community groups and volunteers helps us tremendously. Not only do financial contributions help us provide our services to youth and families *free of charge* but the community awareness that you raise about Ozone House, and the many young people who need our help is invaluable.

Each day we receive calls on our 24-hour Crisis Line from youth needing housing and support. 98% of them report severe family conflict, 66% run from unsafe circumstances, and many are considered "throwaways" because their parents no longer have the capacity to care for them. Others age out of the foster care system with nowhere to go.

For 40 years, Ozone House has provided a safe place, shelter, and a continuum of support for runaway, homeless, and high-risk youth in our community. We offer help through our 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter, transitional and supportive housing, individual and family counseling, educational and employment support, and development in essential life skills. All our services are designed to provide the kind of support all young people need to set a foundation for a healthy future.

In fiscal year 2008, Ozone House provided emergency shelter and housing to 149 young people, continued support services to 430 youth and their families, more than 10,000 meals and other basic needs support, and street outreach through peers to more than 2600 young people. Our crisis line volunteers fielded more than 1500 calls; more than half of those calls came from young people seeking shelter.

Your support of the South Michigan Wheels, Inc. Midwest Wheels of Hope ride helps to ensure that Ozone House can continue to offer a safe place and support to hundreds of youth in our community – all free of charge. In this difficult economy, we have seen the need for our services rise, while our supporters have a decreased ability to help us financially. Now more than ever, we need your help!

On behalf of our Board, Staff, Volunteers, and most importantly, the youth and families we serve, thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Warmest regards,

Katie Doyle
Executive Director