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**Title: Be a Helping Hand this Holiday Season!**

Chelsea District Library (CDL) invites the community to participate in the Helping Hands Teen Supply Drive this December. The library is partnering with Ozone House, a 501(c)(3) non-profit serving Washtenaw County, to help homeless teens. Members of the Chelsea community can donate full-sized, unopened items (please no trial or hotel bottles) in the CDL lobby during library open hours starting December 1 and ending December 29; look for the colorfully-wrapped donation boxes.

"Working together with CDL, the Chelsea community donated 85 five-gallon grocery bags, 13 boxes of supplies, and \$225 in gift cards to Meijer, Target, and Walmart to Ozone House in 2021! We hope we can do even better this year." says Teen Librarian Stacey Comfort. "To help Ozone House, we're asking for a variety of items, from hair products to diapers, to supply the community with necessary hygiene, school, and personal supplies." A complete list of items needed is available at [ozonehouse.org/donate-goods/](http://ozonehouse.org/donate-goods/)

While the holiday season is joyous for many kids and teens, for those with housing insecurity, it can be a period of anxiety. The Helping Hands Teen Supply Drive aims to eliminate anxiety surrounding personal care by collecting a variety of supplies from hygiene items (shampoo, body wash, African-American hair products) to cleaning supplies (disinfectant wipes, paper towels, laundry and dishwasher pods) and will directly benefit Ozone House in its ongoing mission and the teens in our communities that they serve.

About Ozone House: Helping homeless teens since 1969, Ozone House is dedicated to helping young people lead safe, healthy, and productive lives through intensive intervention and prevention services.

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](http://chelseadistrictlibrary.org).

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