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MSU Community Music School launches donation drive for Gateway Community Services

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – Cleaning supplies, board games, and books are just a few of the items the MSU Community Music School (CMS) is collecting this month in a donation drive for East Lansing-based Gateway Community Services' Street Outreach Program and the Kevin J. Moody Youth Home, a 24-hour supervised group home for young people who are unable to live at home. The donation drive runs April 12-30 and is a first for CMS.

“So many people in our community are struggling right now,” said Rhonda Buckley, executive director of the MSU Community Music School. “CMS decided that we wanted to reach out to others, not only through music, but also at a more basic level, and we’re asking the community to join us.”

CMS invites community members, businesses, and CMS students, faculty and staff to bring new or gently used personal care, recreation, and household items to the CMS office during normal business hours. In appreciation for their contributions, donors will receive a reusable CMS shopping bag.

“We are pleased that the MSU Community Music School is willing to reach out to the community on behalf of our programs for youth living in our facility due to unfortunate circumstances beyond their control,” said Dennis Neuner, executive director of Gateway Community Services. “The drive to collect basic everyday necessities will be of great help to Gateway.”

For a complete list of items CMS is collecting, please visit the CMS website at www.cms.msu.edu.

Founded in 1993, the Community Music School (CMS) is the outreach division of the MSU College of Music. The mission of CMS is to provide comprehensive music education – quality instruction, related music services, and educational programs – for interested individuals of all ages and levels with financial assistance for those in need.

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Editor’s Note: For more information, visit www.cms.msu.edu/ or call (517) 355-7661.



CMS is collecting the following items needed by Gateway Community Services:

Personal Supplies

- Lotion
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Hair spray
- Gel
- Hair Ties
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Chap stick/Lip gloss
- Axe® Body Spray
- Scented Spray (girls)
- Socks (new)
- Slippers (new)
- Umbrellas
- Baby supplies (wash, clothes, etc)

Recreation

- Event Tickets: concerts, sporting events, skating, plays, museums, movies, bowling, horseback riding, video store coupons, gift cards for restaurants for group outings, water park, miniature golf, bating cages, etc.
- Art Supplies (crayons, coloring books, markers, clay, paint, etc.)
- Board Games
- Crosswords, Word Searches, Suduko
- DVDs (G or PG rated)
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Water Balloons
- Squirt Guns
- Picnic Supplies (basket, plates, cups, blanket, plastic silverware etc.)
- Toys for infants/children
- Children's books

Medications

- Pepto-Bismol®
- Anti Diarrhea
- Cold Medicine
- Flu Medicine
- Cough Syrup
- Cough Drops
- Pain Relievers
- Midol®
- Thermometer
- Antacids
- First Aid Kits

Household Supplies

- Flash Lights
- Batteries
- Cleaning Supplies
- Lysol®
- Laundry Soap
- Dryer Sheets
- Dish Soap
- Dish Washer Detergent
- Laundry Baskets
- Bath Towels, Hand Towels and Wash Clothes (new)
- Kitchen Towels and Dish Clothes (new)
- Oven Mitts and Pot Holders (new)
- Food Storage Containers and Bags
- Garbage Bags
- Tissues
- Toilet Paper
- Light Bulbs
- Large Storage Bins

Larger household items may also be donated, but donors should contact Gateway Community Services directly at (517) 351-4000.