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Residence hall students help the homeless

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"We filled up our programming resource room with bag after bag of items," said Sara Luczyk, program coordinator for the residence halls. "We had about two or three van loads of items to donate.

"Previous institutions I've worked at have always held a clothing drive at the end of the year. Those have had success, but OU's students really responded in a big way."

Formerly known as the Pontiac Rescue Mission, **Grace Centers of Hope** began its work in 1943 as a community soup kitchen. Today, the nonprofit organization provides emergency shelter for up to 150 homeless adults and children. It also has a two-week emergency stay and rehabilitation program. For more information, call (248) 334-2187.

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