

Resolution authorizing a one year contract with The Ohio State University to provide support services to homeless youth through programs and services offered by the STAR House. (Community Partnerships) (\$150,000)

WHEREAS, In Franklin County, there is a void of services available for homeless, street living youth between the ages of 14-24. In response to this void, the Star House is a welcoming drop-in center for transitional youth experiencing homelessness between the ages of 14 and 24 opened in October 2006; and

WHEREAS, The Star House is operated by The Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology; and

WHEREAS, Star House conducts outreach to the streets, soup kitchens, public libraries, parks throughout Columbus; and

WHEREAS, At the Star House, homeless youth can meet their basic needs and connect with counselors who provide advocacy and counseling. The drop-in center provides food, showers, clothing, laundry machines, mailing address, access to the internet and phone and is a safe respite from the streets; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners wish to support the Star House programs, as authorized under Section 307.86 of the Ohio Revised Code; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

That the attached purchase order, with The Ohio State University and Franklin County, in the amount of \$150,000.00 is hereby approved.

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Cc: Auditor
The Ohio State University