Dear Friends,

With November around the corner, the NRS team is hard at work preparing for National Runaway Prevention Month (NRPM). This public awareness campaign is designed to "Shine a Light" on the experiences of runaway and homeless youth, and to highlight the resources available to support those in need. In partnership with organizations from the runaway and homeless youth community, along with individuals and organizations nationwide, NRPM offers a wonderful opportunity to educate the public, share resources, and remind young people in need that we are here to support them.

There are many exciting ways for YOU to participate in NRPM and to increase awareness among your network, including:

- **Facebook Profile Picture Frame**: Add the "Shine a Light" filter to your Facebook profile picture to show your support of runaway and homeless youth throughout the month of November.
- **Learning Sessions**: NRS will lead an online educational series about a variety of runaway and homeless youth issues. Connect with NRS on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for details and to join the conversation.
- **Wear Green Day**: Dress in green on November 10th! For added impact, post a picture with a message about your commitment to supporting runaway and homeless youth. Be sure to include #NRPM2020.
- **Donate Today**: In lieu of a traditional, in-person fundraising event, we are asking our supporters to "Stay Safe. Stay Home. Donate Today." Funds raised during NRPM are critical to our efforts to keep runaway, homeless and at-risk youth safe and off the streets. You can donate on our fundraising page here.

For updates on events and participation opportunities, visit our NRPM homepage here.

NRPM would not be possible without the efforts of service providers, advocates, donors, volunteers, and dedicated individuals who are passionate about the challenges facing runaway and homeless youth. Whether by spreading the word through your social media
accounts, taking time to become more informed, or making a financial contribution, your support is essential to making NRPM as successful as possible. Thank you for helping to shine a light.

With warm regards,

Susan Frankel
Chief Executive Officer

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NRS?

As part of NRS' prevention and education efforts, we offer free promotional materials shipped directly to you. These include brochures, wallet cards, flyers and more.

Order today to get your materials in advance of National Runaway Prevention Month!

Click Here to Order

2020 National Runaway Prevention Month Introductory Webinar

Curious about what NRPM is all about? Chief Program Officer Lee Osipchak reviews the history of NRPM, its importance, and provides an in-depth look at how you can get involved!

Click Here to Watch

JOIN THE MOVEMENT!
BECOME A PARTNER FOR NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH

It's not too late to become an NRPM 2020 partner! Together we can amplify the messages of our public awareness campaign and empower people to take action. When you sign up, you'll gain access to NRPM publicity materials, partner calls, exciting events, and more!
YOUTH IN THE NEWS

Work or Online Learning: Homeless Families Struggle with an Impossible Choice

Chicago, IL | "How do you choose between working and providing for your family, and your child's education? I mean, what is your priority?" says Patricia Rivera, a former Chicago Public Schools social worker and founder of Chicago HOPES For Kids, an afterschool program for homeless youth.

Rivera points out that many homeless shelters don't allow parents to leave their children while they go to work. In the past, kids have simply gone to school or parents have found low-cost childcare. However, since the pandemic, these options have disappeared for many families.

Getting Back on Track: Apartment Complex Opens for Youth in Need of Homes

Grand Junction, CO | Residents at the Laurel House officially moved in this month, providing some with the first home they've ever known.

"We saw some images of where the youth were coming from — under bridges, trap houses, living in cars — sometimes you just have to take a deep breath and say we got people out of some horrific situations into a beautiful new building. That is a big win," said John Mok-Lamme, Executive Director of Karis Inc.
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