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GREETINGS FROM NRS

Dear Friends,

If you've visited our website since the beginning of February, you may have noticed that it looks quite different. We at the National Runaway Safeline are pleased to announce the launch of a new website portal. NRS now exists online under:

- 1800RUNAWAY.org - Prioritizing our crisis services and prevention work, this portal houses resources, direct crisis connections, and educational and prevention materials, focused on service to youth and families in need, and service providers around the country.
- nationalrunawaysafeline.org - This portal is a way to connect with us as an organization, and includes a variety of ways to get involved, support our mission, and learn more about the work we do at NRS.

We have developed these portals as a way to improve navigation and ensure that those in need receive all of the help and resources that we can provide as efficiently as possible. We invite you to explore these sites to learn more about us, how we help youth and families, and how you can support our mission!

February is also a month bringing awareness and action to very important issues in our country. Black History Month has been a focus of our work this month, as we have promoted events celebrating Black excellence and discussing the work that still must be done going forward. The National Runaway Safeline is committed to supporting Black youth, staff members, volunteers, and community members - not just in February, but 24/7, 365 days a year.

February is also Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. According to [love is respect](#), an organization dedicated to supporting teen victims of domestic abuse, one in three teens will experience some form of abuse from someone they're in a relationship with before they become adults. Whether physical, sexual, or emotional, this level of abuse is unacceptable. To learn more about how you can support survivors, as well as warning signs, visit the love is respect page, linked above. Preventing dating violence falls on all of our shoulders.

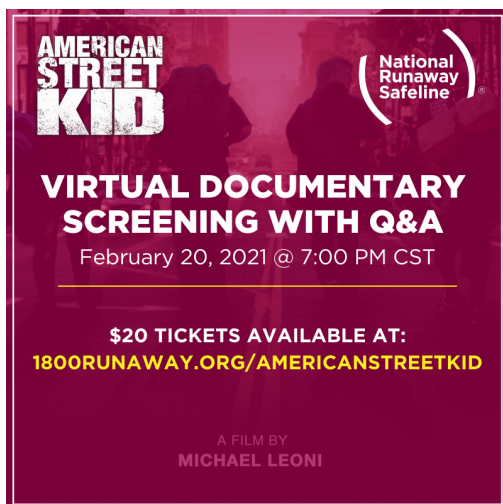
For such a short month, February has proven to be a busy one! We invite you to join us as we continue to grow and develop new ways to support the youth that we serve. [Visit us here](#) to learn more about how you can support our mission of keeping runaway, homeless and at-risk youth safe and off the streets.

With warm regards,



Susan Frankel
Chief Executive Officer

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NRS?



AMERICAN STREET KID SCREENING AND Q&A

On February 20th, NRS hosted a live, Zoom Q&A session with a producer and youth participant from [American Street Kid](#), a feature documentary following youth experiencing homelessness on the streets of Los Angeles.

It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about what went on behind the scenes, how homelessness impacted the lives of those featured in the film, and where those young people are now.

We are very grateful to the makers of *American Street Kid* for their partnership, and everyone who attended for their great questions and engagement.



STUDENT INTERNSHIP

Working with Beacon Academy students to emphasize the youth voice

This month, we had the joy of working with three students from [Beacon Academy](#) in Evanston, IL. Aditi, Ash and Peter worked on a range of NRS' communications materials through an internship coordinated by the school.

It is a priority for NRS to incorporate the youth voice in everything that we do. Young people are the experts on their own lived experiences. We are incredibly fortunate that young people, such as this group and our Youth Advisory Board, are committed to helping us support the youth and families that we serve.

Bookmark our "Upcoming Events" page to stay updated about unique future events and activities at NRS.

[See More Upcoming Events](#)

We will be exploring similar volunteer opportunities with schools around the country in the future. Keep an eye on our "Get Involved" page for future student internships.

[Click Here to Get Involved](#)



JOIN THE NRS TEAM Apply Today!

We're hiring! NRS is seeking dedicated and qualified candidates to support our mission of keeping runaway, homeless and at-risk youth safe and off the streets.

Our newest open position is Director of Crisis Services, a key leadership role which oversees the day-to-day operations of our Crisis Services Center. Visit our site below to learn more about all of our open positions.

[Click Here to Learn More & Apply](#)



WHISKEY TASTING: Let's Make a Difference Together! Join us on March 19th at 7PM CST

Let's Make a Difference Together is a series of fun, at-home food and drink events, will funds raised contributing directly to our Ending Youth Homelessness Today!

Our March package, which will only be available through Thursday, March 4th, features a whiskey tasting from Journeyman Distillery, complete three 200 mL tasting bottles, Kilwins tasting chocolates, an NRS ice cube mold, and a virtual tasting event on March 19th! Order for yourself or as a gift - either way, its an exciting way to support a great cause.

[Click Here to Make a Difference](#)

YOUTH IN THE NEWS



THE LONELINESS OF AN INTERRUPTED ADOLESCENCE

Think being a teenager was rough? Try doing it in a pandemic.

"The pandemic has punished people of all ages...the emotional fallout for teenagers has been uniquely brutal. At just the age when they are biologically predisposed to seek independence from their families, teens have been trapped at home."

Click below to read more in this powerful article about teens supporting one another from the Washington Post.

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THE COFFEE SHOP GIVING HOMELESS YOUTH A CHANCE AT SUCCESS

Minneapolis, MN | "It's the job, not even really the income, that made the difference," Valerie Mckenzie says. 'It was mostly the stability,' she says, that helped her transition out of homelessness.

It's exactly this structure and stability, paired with an environment that's empathetic to the unique struggles faced by the roughly 13,000 young people experiencing homelessness in Minnesota every year, that Carley Kammerer, Executive Director of Wildflyer Coffee, has sought to provide."

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