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GREETINGS FROM NRS

Dear Friends,

Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to participate in a panel hosted by the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) on the impact of COVID-19. Alongside leaders from the National Human Trafficking Hotline and the National Domestic Violence Hotline, all three organizations cited data and shared stories that highlighted the challenges and stress the pandemic has placed on the shoulders of already vulnerable populations. At-risk youth who have reached out to NRS over the past year have experienced increased financial difficulties, a spike in mental health issues, and increases in physical and emotional abuse. If you are interested in learning more about and downloading the materials from the panel conversation described above, please [visit our site here](#).

There is also plenty to celebrate at NRS, and this month we celebrate our incredible volunteers as part of National Volunteer Appreciation Month. NRS' dedicated volunteers provide support in various areas of the organization: whether it be leadership roles on our Boards and Committees or offering crisis services to youth and families in need, NRS wouldn't be the organization it is today without the generosity of our volunteers. To our volunteers reading this letter, thank you for enriching the NRS community and for being leaders in our efforts to end youth homelessness.

Finally, April is also National Child Abuse Prevention Month. According to the [ACF Child Maltreatment Report](#), in 2019, approximately two million children in the U.S. received abuse prevention services from a state or local CPS agency. While there was [a decline in abuse reports](#) filed in 2020, experts believe this is linked to a lack of face-to-face interaction between students and teachers, not necessarily a decline in abuse, as one-fifth of all abuse reports are filed by teachers and school officials. Let this information serve as a reminder that youth who run away do not want to experience homelessness. They leave home because it feels like their only option in the face of abuse and other unstable and potentially dangerous situations. Please join us in our continued efforts to ensure the safety of the young people in our communities.

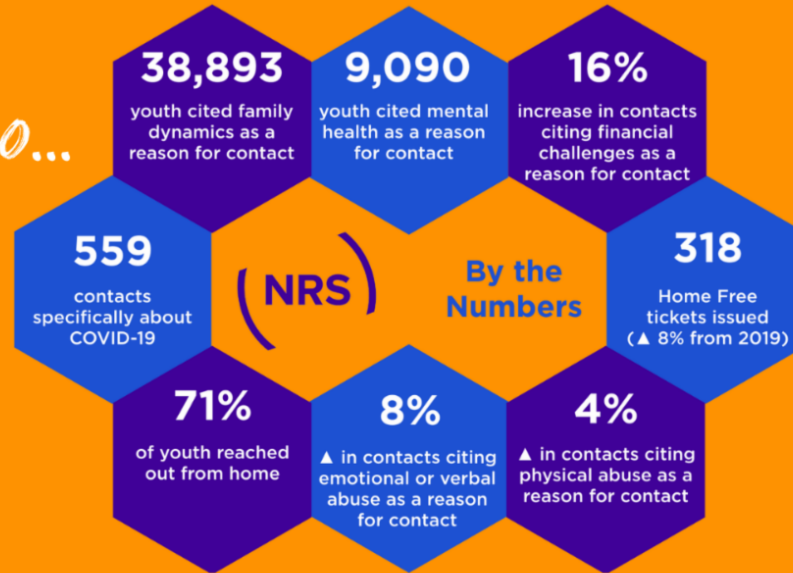
With warm regards,

Susan Frankel

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Chief Executive Officer

THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE YOUTH SERVED BY NRS:

In 2020...



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NRS?


THE NRS ASSOCIATE BOARD PRESENTS:
Sip N Sketch
SATURDAY
APRIL 24, 2021
12:00 - 1:30 PM (CST)

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Volunteering here has taught me a lot about human resilience. I am inspired by the strength of callers who are courageous enough to reach out for help from a stranger in their most difficult moments.

- Kaitlin, NRS Crisis Services Volunteer

GET INVOLVED WITH NRS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH ART: SIP N' SKETCH

Saturday, April 24th @ Noon CST

Join the NRS Associate Board for a one-of-a-kind art class to help end youth homelessness.

With a donation of at least \$15, you can learn how to draw your pet (or favorite animal) under the direction of the talented Becca Bowlin ([@joan_de_art](#) on Instagram). All proceeds will go support NRS' work to keep runaway, homeless and at-risk youth safe and off the streets.

[Click Here to Register](#)

NRS couldn't do what it does without the support of our dedicated volunteers. Are you interested in becoming more involved with the organization? We offer a number of opportunities, including:

- Joining the NRS Associate Board, a group of young professionals dedicated to raising funds and awareness.
- Becoming a Crisis Services volunteer. These volunteers support our Crisis Services team by connecting with youth and families in need.
- Joining the NRS Youth Advisory Board. The Youth Advisory Board is a group of young people with lived experience with homelessness or having runaway, who help guide our mission and messaging.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT NRS

Are you looking for a fulfilling career that allows you to help runaway, homeless and at-risk youth and their families? NRS is currently hiring for several positions across the organization.

Positions providing direct services to people in need include Director of Crisis Services, daytime and nighttime Crisis Services

LET'S TALK: RUNAWAY PREVENTION CURRICULUM

Module 6 Runaway Reality

I want to run away

Alternatives to running away

How to stay safe on the streets

Where can I go to stay safe?

If I run away where can I get food?

What are the risks of running away?



LET'S TALK MODULE 6: RUNAWAY REALITY

In 2020, 71% of the youth who reached out to us were still at home. This underscores the importance of the prevention resources we offer those we serve.

Talking with young people about the realities of leaving home is important. Module 6 of our

Supervisors, and Crisis Services Internships for the 2021-2022 academic year. For those with a background in human resources and nonprofit management, we invite applications for a new Chief Operating Officer.

For full-time positions, benefits include health, dental and vision insurance, generous PTO, flexible scheduling, and more. We look forward to your application!

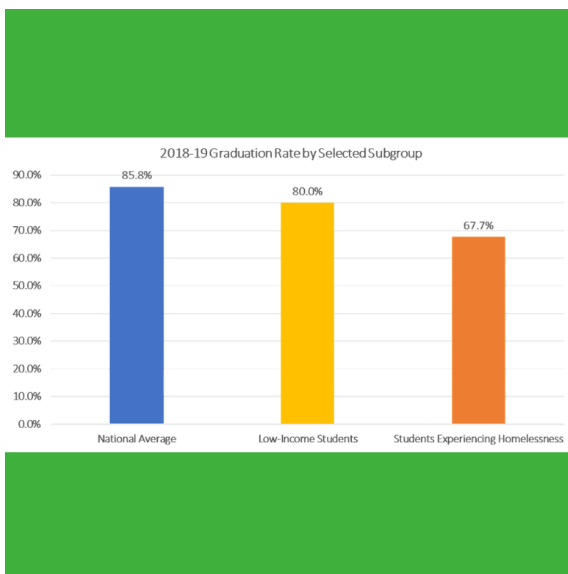
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Let's Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum allows participants to explore the different risks that youth face when experiencing homelessness.

Read our blog post that details Module 6 and the *Let's Talk* curriculum more broadly. The curriculum is free to download and is a great resource for anyone who works with youth.

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YOUTH IN THE NEWS



New Data Emphasizes the Challenges Students Experiencing Homelessness Face in Graduating High School

"...counts from 49 states and the District of Columbia...show a national graduation rate of 67.7 percent [for students experiencing homelessness], up slightly from 67.5 percent in 2018.

The data show that graduation rates for students experiencing homelessness differ significantly state to state, ranging from a low of 49 percent in the District of Columbia and Minnesota, to a high of 86 percent in New Hampshire."



They Came to N.Y.C. for Acceptance. Now They Need Jobs.

New York City, NY | "Finding an inclusive workplace would be important in ways that were both obvious and intimate. Would employers recognize and respect Mx. Smith's identity, and make sure co-workers did the same?..."

"It can be so hard to navigate that while also being in the workplace," Mx. Smith said.

This summer, New York City will start an employment development program meant to address the needs of people like Mx. Smith, who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or intersex and are homeless or at risk of homelessness."

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