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## GREETINGS FROM NRS

Dear Friends,

As the weather warms and we finally see signs of a future where schools and businesses are safely able to offer more in-person services, we at the National Runaway Safeline continue to deliver life-saving services to young people and their families. Even as we approach this hopeful benchmark, young people continue to struggle with weakened emotional supports, lack of contact with friends, and fewer places to reach out for help when needed. NRS is here for them, as a connection to critical resources and a listening ear.

This support is even more important as youth deal with the impact of racial violence sweeping across the nation. Actions speak louder than words, and NRS is committed to providing support to AAPI communities by sharing resources and messages of hope. Our vision of a world without youth homelessness is closely aligned with a world without racial discrimination and hate.

If you are looking for more information on youth focused organizations that specifically support the AAPI community, we recommend supporting and following the work of these organizations:

- [Project Lotus](#) - Project Lotus is a youth-led organization focused on destigmatizing mental health in Asian-American communities by tackling the model minority stereotype through culturally-relevant education for the community and the empowerment of voices.
- [Dear Asian Youth](#) - Dear Asian Youth was founded by Stephanie Hu, a 16-year-old who wished to create a platform to publish her poetry. It evolved into a blog dedicated to the Asian narrative, then a literary magazine, then a full-fledged organization with over 100 members on the national team.
- [AAPI Women Lead](#) - AAPI Women Lead works to end racial and gender violence, specifically for Asians and Pacific Islanders, and in solidarity with Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color. They do this work through their Community Care Series, by funding youth-led mutual aid projects, by providing community resources, and more.

As always, we are here to offer free, confidential, non-judgmental services to young people and their families. Over the past year, our crisis services team members have fielded tens of thousands of contacts, each one with a unique story and background. Recognizing those stories and treating the people we serve as individuals is essential to providing effective services.

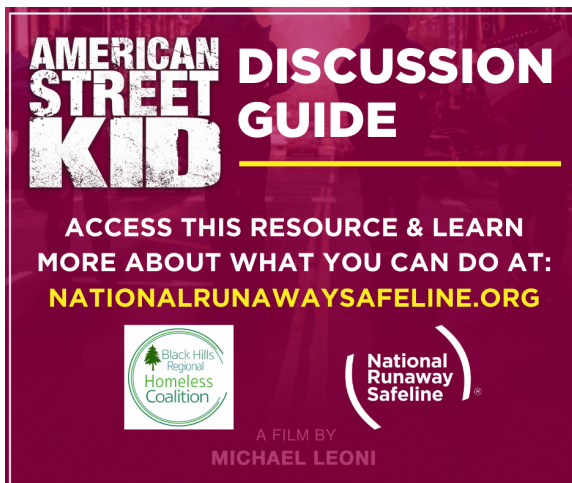
I urge you to have care, both for others and for yourself, as we navigate this challenging time.

With warm regards,





Susan Frankel  
Chief Executive Officer

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NRS?



**AMERICAN STREET KID DISCUSSION GUIDE**

ACCESS THIS RESOURCE & LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO AT:  
**NATIONALRUNAWAYSAFELINE.ORG**

A FILM BY  
**MICHAEL LEONI**

### AMERICAN STREET KID DISCUSSION GUIDE

Last month, 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.

NRS partnered with the filmmakers and with the Black Hill Regional Homeless Coalition to produce a discussion guide, intended to help facilitate conversation with youth of all ages who have the opportunity to watch the film.

[Click Here to Download](#)

### COVID-19 & HOTLINES: Lessons Learned & Beyond

**FYSB**  
Family & Youth  
Services Bureau

Join the National Runaway Safeline, the National Human Trafficking Hotline, and the Domestic Violence Hotline in a panel discussing:

- the impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable youth and survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking;
- the challenges and opportunities each organization has faced to continue serving those in need of support; and
- lessons learned from these uncertain times and plans for the future.

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HOTLINE**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH**  
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm EST

Register Today: [1800RUNAWAY.org/covidpanel](https://1800RUNAWAY.org/covidpanel)

### COVID-19 & HOTLINES: Lessons Learned and Beyond

**Join us on April 13th at 2pm EST**

On April 13th, NRS will join partner hotlines, the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Human Trafficking Hotline, for a panel conversation discussing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our work and the populations we serve, and how we have continued delivering live-saving services without interruption despite the challenges.

Please join us for this learning opportunity, hosted by the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB).

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## JOIN NRS FOR THE SUMMER Apply Today!

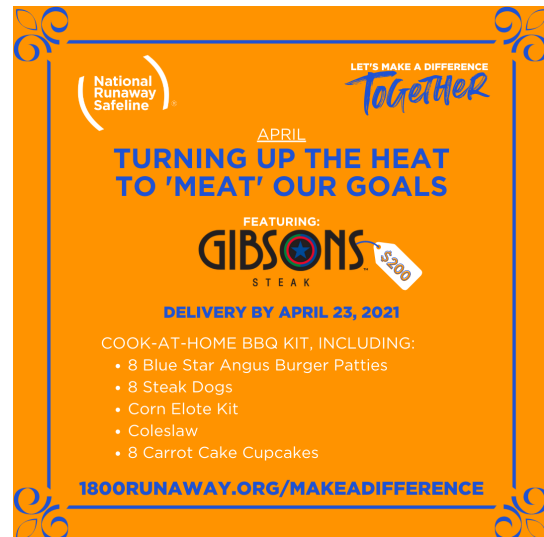
Are you interested in helping youth and families in crisis while also developing your professional career?

NRS offers internships for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a career in a variety of fields, such as psychology, sociology, social work, counseling, human development, nonprofit management, outreach and prevention. MSW candidates, especially, are encouraged to apply.

Interns will gain experience delivering direct crisis services and supporting projects related to training, outreach and prevention programs.

We are now accepting applications for Summer Block Placement, 20-40 hours/week (flexible scheduling available), mid-May to mid-August, 2021.

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



## FINAL PACKAGE: Let's Make a Difference Together!

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

Our April package, available through Sunday, April 18th, offers a cook-at-home BBQ kit from Chicago favorite, Gibsons Steak! The kit includes everything you need for a spring cookout, including 8 Blue Star Angus burger patties, 8 steak dogs, buns and condiments, corn elote, coleslaw, and 8 carrot cake cupcakes.

Order for yourself or as a gift - either way, it's an exciting way to support a great cause.

[Click Here to Make a Difference](#)

## YOUTH IN THE NEWS



## HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT KIDS THROUGH (AND BEYOND) THE LATEST WAVE OF ANTI-ASIAN AMERICAN VIOLENCE

This analysis is not only helpful for parents struggling to make sense of America's current wave of racial violence, but for anyone supporting young people in their lives.

"When terrible things happen, it's common to respond by centering yourself in the conversation (e.g., 'This is a terrible thing that happened but I'm a good person'). Part of being an ally means resisting that urge to center yourself; instead, tend to the feelings of the person who is suffering and elevate other people."

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"If we don't help this homeless group and find ways to support them, homelessness is never going to end in our community"  
*Jani Koester*



## WE AREN'T HOMELESS ENOUGH TO GET HELP

**Sun Prairie, WI** | "Families without a home who 'double up' or pay for hotel rooms are becoming the invisible homeless, unable to get the help they need, advocates say.

But unlike homeless people who live on the streets or in a shelter, these families who stay on someone's couch or in cheap hotels, can't access homeless resources. Koester said that's because the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) prioritizes homeless people on the street and in shelters."

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Keeping America's runaway, homeless and at-risk youth safe and off the streets.



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