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GREETINGS FROM NRS

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe the summer is already winding down. As schools across the country begin the academic year, youth, parents and teachers face a time of high stress and uncertainty. We want to ensure young people across the country know NRS is here for them to offer support, a listening ear, and access to key resources in times of need.

To share this message, we have launched a back-to-school social media campaign as part of our Let's Step Forward Together engagement efforts, reaching out to young people across the U.S. via Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok and YouTube.



The primary goal of #stepforward is to remind young people that they are not alone, and to be sure that, in times of particular challenge, high stress, and crisis, they remember that we are always available - 24/7 - via our hotline and digital services.

If you know someone, whether a young person or a parent, who is struggling to navigate the challenges of the new school year, the pandemic, or other issues, please invite them to reach out to us at 1-800-RUNAWAY or at 1800RUNAWAY.org.

With warm regards,

Susan Frankel
Chief Executive Officer

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NRS?



HOW TO COPE WITH BACK TO SCHOOL BLUES

Tips for Young People Coping with Stress

The start of a school year can be a time of great anxiety, fear, and avoidance for many students, feelings that may be exacerbated this year by the on-going pandemic: for some, this maybe their first time entering a school building in over a year.

In our most recent blog post, we share some tips to help young people cope during this time. We invite you to share the post with anyone who may find these tips helpful!

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Our NRS Volunteer of the Month for August is Samantha! Samantha is an absolute superstar who, as of August 1st, has contributed nearly 200 hours supporting young people in need. We are so grateful that she continues to volunteer remotely, even as she attends college.

Check out our Q&A to learn more about Samantha and why volunteering at NRS is important to her. Thank you to Samantha for her dedication, and for the support of all of our incredible volunteers.

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WE'RE HIRING!

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

While our mission at NRS is to ensure the safety of America's youth, we know that trusted adults, including parents, guardians, teachers, coaches, and service providers are key to preventing crises and helping us reach our goals. This is why we place such high value in offering essential resources to adults through our website and crisis services.

Visit the "Concerned Adult" section on our website, where we offer information on reaching our crisis services team, and offer tips and answers to questions we receive, among other resources.

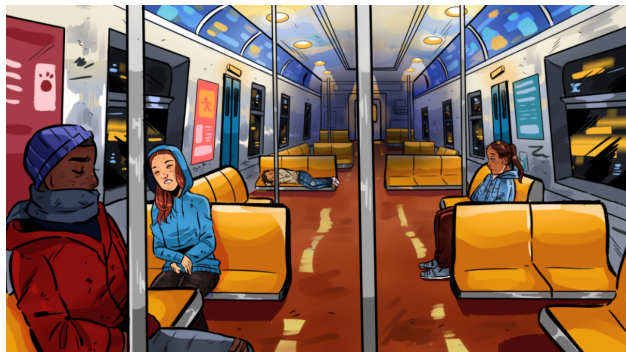
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Are you looking for a fulfilling career that allows you to help runaway, homeless and at-risk youth and their families? NRS is currently hiring for a Development Coordinator and a Crisis Services Supervisor.

Benefits include health, dental and vision insurance, generous PTO, and flexible scheduling. If you or someone you know sounds like a good fit, check out the listings on our site. We look forward to hearing from you!

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YOUTH IN THE NEWS



Disrupting the pipeline that channels youth in foster care to homelessness

Philadelphia, PA | "The stereotype of youth experiencing homelessness has generally been that they must be 'runaways,' actively choosing homelessness over stability.

Young people, however, wind up in the streets or couch surfing for a wide variety of reasons... LGBTQ+ youth sometimes experience homelessness because their families kick them out when they identify themselves. And youth who are labeled runaways are often fleeing traumatic situations, their flight an act of self-preservation and hope."

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Schools seeing increase in youth homelessness and unaccompanied youth

Ardmore, OK | "[Ardmore City Schools Homeless Coordinator, Sabra Emde] said there are several factors contributing to the increase in youth homelessness. Many people have told her they have lost their job due to the pandemic and are now trapped in a difficult situation.

'They lost their job,' Emde said. 'They lost their housing, and now they're stuck in a situation where they can't get their housing back. There's not affordable housing, and the additional unemployment went away. There are a number of different factors, and we're just caught in a downward spiral right now.'"

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