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*Celebrating the
Spirit of Youth*



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We're here to celebrate young leaders who are making a difference, community leaders who are paving new pathways toward ending youth homelessness and to ensure that NRS is always only One Call Away.



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SHARDAY HAMILTON

**YOUTH ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH
COORDINATOR AT THE NATIONAL
RUNAWAY SAFELINE (NRS)**

Sharday Hamilton currently serves as the Youth Engagement and Outreach Coordinator at the National Runaway Safeline.

Previously, Sharday was a Youth Fellow at NRS, where she supported and managed the NRS Youth Advisory Board. Under her guidance, the Youth Advisory Board soared to new heights, leading to her subsequent promotion to her current role. Her own lived experience with homelessness helps to inform her work and sparked her personal interest in advocating on behalf of youth in crisis.

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MIA SOSTRIN

MEMBER NRS YOUTH
ADVISORY BOARD



Mia Sostrin (they/them) is an advocate for youth empowerment and a dedicated social justice activist. For the third year in a row, we are proud to welcome Mia as co-host of Celebrating the Spirit of Youth. Mia's personal history includes growing up with an abusive mother and multiple attempts at running away. After leaving home permanently, Mia faced mental health challenges that impacted their schooling and led to legal issues. With support, Mia has overcome these challenges and is now thriving as one of the longest-standing members of the NRS Youth Advisory Board. Mia has consistently used their expertise to help guide NRS in uplifting the voices of youth with lived experience.



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AMEA SMITH MEMBER NRS YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

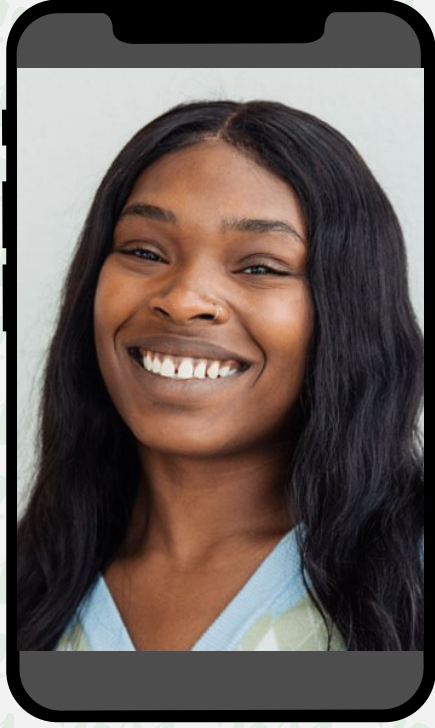
Amea Smith was living in Greensboro, NC, when she first experienced homelessness. She was couch surfing and managing to attend school, but the instability became overwhelming. In search of a more stable lifestyle, Amea moved to Louisiana.

Today, Amea is safely housed in Baton Rouge, LA, with her partner, and they recently gave birth to their first child. As a Peer Support Specialist at Youth Oasis, a nonprofit organization focused on addressing youth homelessness and building a local network of support, Amea uses her lived experiences to make a profound impact on youth. She formed and currently oversees the Youth Advisory Board, handles social media, and conducts community outreach to identify prospective youth leaders and to ensure vulnerable youth are connected to services.

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KELLIE BRYSON

Kellie Bryson is a passionate youth advocate and activist based in Atlanta. She works hard to empower young people and fight against injustice. Drawing from her experiences, Kellie brings a unique perspective to her work. As a PTSD-diagnosed veteran who has faced homelessness and identifies as LGBTQ+ and BIPOC, she understands firsthand the challenges many marginalized youth encounter. It is this profound understanding that fuels her mission to foster environments that nurture youth voices and empower them to achieve self-sustainability and self-actualization.



KIMBERLY A. WALLER

Associate Commissioner for the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB)

Kimberly A. Waller serves as the associate commissioner for the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) in the Administration on

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Children, Youth and Families, located within the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services. Prior to joining the Biden Administration in December 2021, Kimberly served as a senior policy advisor in the District of Columbia's interagency council on homelessness, where she led the implementation of the District's strategic plans to prevent and end youth and family homelessness. In this role, Kimberly applied an integrated, interagency approach to coordinating diverse systems impacting service delivery for children, youth and families.

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Adam Manlove, Vice-Chair, NRS Board of Directors

Susan Frankel, NRS CEO



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GREEK SALAD

romaine lettuce served with cucumber, tomato, bell pepper, red onion, kalamata olive, feta (on one side), and red wine vinaigrette

MAIN COURSE

GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST

served with seasonal vegetable puree, roasted heirloom potatoes, haricot vert, citrus chicken jus

DESSERT COURSE

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