This November, Make an Impact In Runaway Prevention

When a youth runs away, the impact is felt throughout the entire community.

- Not only are youth aged 12-17 at higher risk for homelessness than adults, but running away from home as an adolescent increases the odds of having suicidal thoughts as an adult by 51%.
- In addition, the odds of former runaways being arrested as adults are over two and a half times higher than individuals who never ran away from home.

Along with 17 national partners, National Runaway Safeline (NRS) plans to make runaway prevention part of the national conversation throughout November. This year’s theme is “Here to listen. Here to help.”

Year-round, NRS continues to expand its mission to keep America’s runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth safe and off the streets. In November, individuals, businesses, community groups, teachers, elected officials, and human service agencies are encouraged to participate in NRPM to educate their communities about the negative impacts of running away.

Keep reading to learn how you can take action and support NRPM in your community today.
HELP!

“I need help. Every single time I do something wrong. Not bad, but just not perfect.”

“I suspect that my parents might kick me out, can they still have the police bring me home if they kicked me out? Please help I don’t know what to do.”

“I don’t know what to do anymore. I’m on the verge of running away but I wouldn’t know where to go. Please, please, please help me!”

The National Runaway Safeline (NRS) gets requests for help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year. Youth call 1-800-RUNAWAY. They also live chat, email or post messages at 1800RUNAWAY.org. The above quotes are from our online bulletin board, just a sampling of the thousands of youth seeking NRS’ help during their crisis. It may be a dispute with a parent or being bullied at school or struggling with sexual identity. No matter what the crisis is, NRS is here to help, here to listen.

Thank you to our supporters!

NRS encourages you to take action and mark your calendar to help raise awareness about the runaway and homeless youth crisis. Participate in any of the following activities:

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH:** Help NRPM go viral by participating in the Social Media Day of Action. Use NRS’ caller data and research to disseminate statistics about runaway and homeless youth.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH:** Join NRS and Greyhound Lines, Inc. for Green Sock/GreenHound Day. Get a group of employees, friends, or family to wear green socks, or anything green, on that day. Take a group picture and send it to NRS at outreach@1800RUNAWAY.org and we’ll feature it on 1800RUNAWAY.org and our Facebook page @National Runaway Safeline.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH:** Host a “Runaway” movie night with a group of youth to watch the film Augusta Gone, a true story written by a mother whose daughter ran away. To learn how to lead a group discussion about the film, visit 1800RUNAWAY.org/educators/curriculum/ to download Module 6: Runaway Reality from NRS’ Let’s Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH:** Show your support of youth by texting positive messages to the youth in your life. For the full calendar of activities for NRPM visit 1800RUNAWAY.org.

**CALL US. 1-800-RUNAWAY**

NRS Board of Directors gathered on September 30th for the annual meeting and reception. Pictured from left to right: Dave Dean (Secretary), Tom Lawler, Annie Schankin (Board Chair), Jim Criner, Randall Royer (Treasurer), Brian Zboril, John Stotts, Emily Lohse-Busch, Troy McDonald Kane, Katya Mazon, NRS’ Executive Director Maureen Blaha, Jade Cohen, Jack Phibbs, Christina Van Pelt (Vice Chair), Michele Lehman, Dr. Gary Harper, Randy Lemt, and Sue Schiffelweit. Picture by Samantha Owens.