



## **National Runaway Safeline Serving Youth from New Headquarters** *Three Opportunities for a Tour at the February 5<sup>th</sup> Open House*

CHICAGO (January 7, 2016) – After nearly thirty years in the same location, the National Runaway Safeline (NRS) moved its operations to 3141 B N. Lincoln in Chicago, Illinois. The new headquarters is ½ block down the street from its former Lakeview home. The facility includes a state-of-the-art crisis hotline and online center, a dedicated training center and additional office spaces. On February 5<sup>th</sup>, NRS is inviting the community to see first-hand how they are keeping America’s youth safe and off the streets. NRS will host three opportunities to tour and celebrate the new National Runaway Safeline.

### **February 5, 2016**

8am – Breakfast and Tour with Alderman Tom Tunney invited

Noon – Lunch and Tour with Alderman Scott Waguespack invited

4:30pm – Appetizers and Tour with NRS Board Chair Christina Van Pelt

NRS credits its transformation on exceeding its first-ever major gift initiative campaign by raising \$270,682. The three-year campaign focused on building the depth and breadth of services.

“First Nonprofit Foundation, United Airlines, Steve and Rosemary Mack and nearly sixty other major donors invested in our future,” said Maureen Blaha NRS executive director. “Their generosity has transformed the way we help families in crisis. NRS is now positioned with the technology and space to better meet the needs of runaway and homeless youth.”

The National Runaway Safeline, formerly known as the National Runaway Switchboard, established in 1971, serves as the federally-designated national communication system for runaway and homeless youth. Through its crisis hotline (1-800-RUNAWAY) and online services (1800RUNAWAY.org), NRS provides crisis intervention, referrals to local resources, and education and prevention services to youth, families and community members throughout the country. For more information, visit <http://www.1800RUNAWAY.org>.

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