



1998-2023

RUNAWAY & HOMELESS YOUTH SHELTER

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

Imagine being a teenager with nowhere safe to call home. No warm place to sleep, no hot meals, and no one to turn to for support. It's a heartbreaking reality for many runaway and homeless youth in our community.

For the last 25 years, CAPTAIN CHS has been committed to providing a safe haven for these vulnerable teens who are facing unimaginable challenges through our Runaway and Homeless Youth Shelter. For two-and-a-half decades, we've offered emergency shelter, case management, food, clothing, access to mental health services, and educational support to help local youth rebuild their lives and find a path to a brighter future.

Youth shelters like CAPTAIN CHS's act as a lifeline for vulnerable teens - offering a critical entry point for youth to access other essential services. Our staff prioritize building trust by providing a listening ear with understanding and nonjudgmental support. This creates a safe and inclusive environment where teens in crisis can feel heard, respected, and valued, regardless of their background or circumstances.

We're excited and honored to celebrate the Youth Shelter's 25th anniversary this fall with a campaign to replace the roof and HVAC, fix the foundation, and purchase a twelve-person van for the Shelter - all culminating in a celebration on September 21st.

Please be sure to mark your calendar for the date, and reach out to us if you're interested in being a part of this transformational place where teens in crisis come to find hope and the help they so desperately need. Where families are rebuilt, and new futures become possible.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

6:00PM - 8:00PM

**DOC'S TAVERN
ON SARATOGA LAKE
BROWN'S BEACH RESORT
511 ROUTE 9P
SARATOGA SPRINGS**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
CASH BAR**

\$75 PER PERSON

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ABOUT THE RUNAWAY & HOMELESS YOUTH SHELTER

Our mission includes working with youth and families who are dealing with housing crises, homelessness, and runaway issues. We are always available at no charge to runaways, the truly homeless, and those at risk of homelessness, and will remain committed to this.

Opened in 1998, the Runaway & Homeless Youth Shelter is a temporary shelter serving youth ages 13-17 who are homeless, runaway, or in an otherwise unsafe situation. Youth can stay for up to 30 days or as long as is necessary, and know they will be safe and find refuge in a home-like environment.

Shelter staff provide case management services and involve the teen in daily activities while they receive support and encouragement from trained adults they can trust. During their stay, all efforts are made to connect youth with a safe and stable home, by reuniting the youth with their families or with another permanent living arrangement. Our doors are open every day of the year, accepting youth 24-hours a day from various locations and referral sources.

The Youth Shelter serves Saratoga, Washington, Warren, Schenectady, Albany, Rensselaer, Montgomery, and Fulton Counties and is certified by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).

For safety purposes, the Youth Shelter's location is confidential.

YOUTH SHELTER PROGRAMS

Runaway Awareness and Prevention

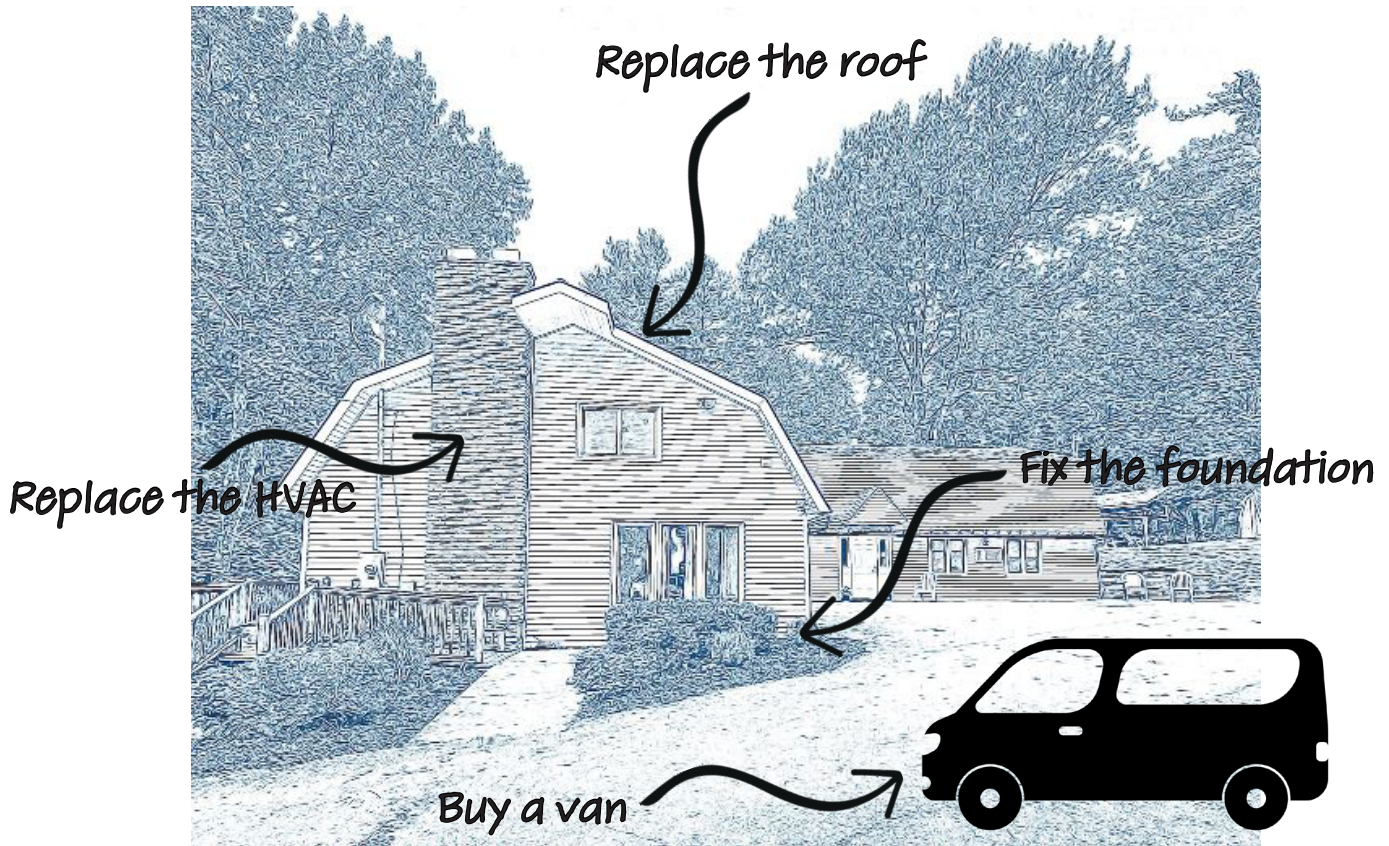
As runaway awareness and prevention is a focus for CAPTAIN CHS, our Youth Shelter is designed to offer relief to families and youth who are facing housing instability, are at risk of running away, or are entering into an unavoidable state of crisis. This is a prevention service and a runaway intervention program. We can assist with offering respite from difficult situations.

Crisis Housing Services

For youth facing a runaway, homeless, or immediate housing crisis. We can provide a safe, stable, and supportive environment of care as our professional staff work to help identify the issues and circumstances causing the housing instability, and identify alternatives for safe housing or work with families and legal guardians to mediate the situations for a safe return home.

After-Care Program

A voluntary service available for exiting residents to aid in the transition back home. The aim is for the youth to continue with their goals, help rebuild family relationships, and prevent re-occurrences of homelessness.



THE NEEDS

Youth Shelter Van - \$55,000

The Youth Shelter is in need of a twelve-passenger van to transport youth to school, medical appointments, counseling, and fun activities. A new van would also avoid the refurbishment and high maintenance cost of a used vehicle. Shelter staff are currently limited in the number and type of activities they can engage the teens in due to a lack of proper and safe transportation.

Roof Replacement - \$20,000

The roof of the Youth Shelter was last replaced in 2001 and is currently in need of replacement and serious repair to specific areas. The roof-line is unique due to Shelter expansions and renovations. A solid, quality, long-term roof would provide shelter for area teens in crisis for years to come.

HVAC Replacement - \$20,000

Along with the roof, our heating and cooling system has reached beyond its expected lifespan and is in need of replacement. With advancements in technology, we hope to install a more efficient system that will keep the Youth Shelter a warm and comfortable space for youth in crisis.

Foundation Work - \$10,000

The strength of any building begins at its foundations and the Youth Shelter is no exception. Recently, damage to the Shelter's foundation was discovered and is in need of urgent and critical repair. Grace Fellowship Church has graciously offered to donate a portion of the cost to fix the foundation.

General Buildings & Grounds Updates - \$10,000

The Youth Shelter is truly a home and, as with any house, annual maintenance is required to keep the dwelling in tip-top shape. Our Shelter has multiple large bedrooms, bathrooms, a computer room, a large kitchen, a sensory room, and multiple outdoor activities including a pool, deck, and ropes course, that require annual and ongoing work.

EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Champion for Youth - \$25,000

- 12 complimentary tickets to the event
- Full page ad in the event program
- Logo placement throughout the event and special name recognition from the podium
- Private tour of the Youth Shelter
- Logo or name included on passenger van wrap
- Appreciation plaque presented at an advertised event with Board President and Executive Director
- 14 days of advertisement of company name on CAPTAIN CHS's roadside sign, reaching over 50,000 views per week on Route 50 in Burnt Hills
- Logo or name in a Times Union print advertisement and in all print advertisements
- Logo and name and statement from a representative in all press releases
- Article, photo, logo and name included in print newsletter, reaching over 4,000 homes and businesses
- Blog article (provided by sponsor) on CAPTAIN CHS website and linked in eNewsletter, reaching over 3,000 subscribers and prominent logo placement with link back on event website
- 5 posts on all social media channels, reaching over 3,000 followers

Raise the Roof Sponsorship - \$10,000

- 8 complimentary tickets to the event
- Half page ad in the event program
- Logo placement throughout the event
- Name included on passenger van wrap
- Appreciation plaque presentation with Board President and Executive Director
- 7 days of advertisement of company name on CAPTAIN CHS's roadside sign, reaching over 50,000 views per week on Route 50 in Burnt Hills
- Name in a Times Union print advertisement
- Name in all print advertisements and press releases
- Name included in print newsletter, reaching over 4,000 homes and businesses
- Logo and link back in eNewsletter, reaching over 3,000 subscribers
- Prominent logo placement with link back on event website
- 3 posts on all social media channels, reaching over 3,000 followers

Strengthen the Foundation Sponsorship - \$5,000

- 4 complimentary tickets to the event
- Quarter page ad in the event program
- Logo placement throughout the event
- Appreciation plaque presentation with Board President and Executive Director
- 4 days of advertisement of company name on CAPTAIN CHS's roadside sign, reaching over 50,000 views per week on Route 50 in Burnt Hills
- Name listed in all press releases
- Logo placement with link back on event website
- One post on all social media channels, reaching over 3,000 followers

Sustain the Mission Sponsorship - \$2,500

- 2 complimentary tickets to the event
- Name listed in the event program
- Appreciation plaque presentation with Executive Director
- Name listed in last press releases
- Name with link back on event website
- One post on all social media channels, reaching over 3,000 followers

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