

# November is Runaway and Homeless Youth Month

1.6 million young people in the U.S. each year will experience at least one night of homelessness and up to 2.8 million youth will run away from home.



**That's more than the population of the 5th largest city in America.**

## 5 things YOU can do to raise awareness this November:

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<b>Turn on a green light</b> Put a green bulb in your porch light, or green holiday lights in your home or business window to show your support for runaway and homeless youth!	<b>Wear Green</b> Wear green on Weds. November 9th (or any day this month!) and share why you support RHY and ending youth homelessness with #NRPM2016	<b>Educate</b> Invite New Beginnings to speak about youth homelessness at your community group, church, or school. Tell people about New Beginnings' services— you never know who may need help!	<b>Advocate</b> Talk to your friends, colleagues, and local politicians! Make a visual display or use social media. Post a special profile pic on Nov. 2nd and a Selfie Sign pic on Nov. 23rd (details at 1800runaway.org)	<b>Give</b> Contribute new winter coats, waterproof gloves, holiday foods, and gifts from New Beginnings' wish list (online: newbeginmaine.org). Join #GivingTuesday and make an online donation on Nov. 29th



New Beginnings

Do you know a Maine youth at risk for homelessness or a family in conflict?

**New Beginnings can help.**

### Youth Shelter

24 hour Phone Referrals and Family Mediation

**795-4070**

### Drop-In Center

Food, clothing, activities, housing referrals, & more

**795-6831**

**Looking for more statistics about runaway and homeless youth?**  
Check out National Network for Youth and National Runaway Safeline.

**In 2016, youth who run away...**



Image source: National Network for Youth, 2016, [www.nn4youth.org](http://www.nn4youth.org)

**National Runaway Safeline**  
Here to listen. Here to help.

24 hours a day:  
**1-800-RUNAWAY**  
online  
**1800runaway.org**