



## Anchor House Update - August Edition

### Better Together: It Takes A Village

The August e-news is all about teamwork and collaboration in support of our mission.

**Did you know?** Anchor House operates programs and services that reach more than 1,000 individuals and families each year. The Anchor House Foundation organizes the annual Ride/Walk For Runways. Together, they help secure resources to help youth, young people and their families in need.



Read below to **learn more about Anchor House Executive Director Kim McNear and Anchor House Foundation Director of Operations Kathy Drulis.**

### Meet Anchor House Executive Director Kim McNear



Anchor House Executive Director Kim McNear is a dynamic nonprofit leader and youth advocate with **nearly three decades of experience working with children, youth and families.** She began her professional career in 1997 as an intern at Anchor House and after holding various positions within the agency and at area nonprofits she returned "home" in 2008 to serve as Executive Director. A graduate of Rutgers and Temple University, Kim serves on local and federal committees and boards in the Mercer County community that are focused on helping youth and families.

"Anchor House has given me the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our young people and brings me joy professionally and personally. **It means so much knowing that Anchor House is able to provide critical services and programming to assist our youth both during times of crisis and success.**"

## Anchor House Foundation Kathy Drulis Celebrates 30 Years!

Anchor House Foundation Director of Operations Kathy Drulis is **celebrating her 30th year with the Foundation and is a cyclist herself having just completed her 20th year!** She works tirelessly year-round to ensure the success of the Ride/Walk for Runways along with a dedicated committee and board. Over the years, Kathy and the team have grown the Ride from 75 cyclists in 1991 to as high as 210 participants prior to the pandemic. In 2020 when a walk was added to the Ride for Runaways, participation numbers increased to over 300.



Her family is also involved in the effort with husband Joe a key volunteer and her children and sisters volunteering and participating over the years. Kathy credits the success of the Ride/Walk to the unique group of committed volunteers and supportive mentors.

**"It is easy to be passionate about an organization that helps children in need when you are surrounded by people with the same passion."**

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## Partnering to Help Solve Youth Homelessness

Anchor House has built meaningful partnerships with other social service agencies, state and local governments to help solve and end the issue of youth homelessness. **As a member of the Trenton/Mercer Continuum of Care (CoC) we are part of a community wide effort to end homelessness.**



We are also involved in many local, county, state and national organizations to further our mission and advocate for our children and youth which agency staff are active participants.

We are grateful for all our partners, supporters and donors that make it possible for us to provide services free of charge. **Interested in learning more?** Please visit our website or email Kim McNear at [kmcnear@anchorhousenj.org](mailto:kmcnear@anchorhousenj.org). **To make a donation please visit the donation button below.**

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