

Dear  
Young Person

The Crosswinds Street Outreach Program has several staff members and peer educators that can help you. We work with young people 10-21 years old. We distribute food, clothes, and hygiene products. We can also assist you with obtaining housing, ID's and employment.

But, most importantly we are here to listen. If things are not going well at home or in school, we are here. If you have been abused, scared, or homeless, an addict, or disabled we can help. Don't be afraid to call. All of our services are free. Our program also provides individual and family counseling.

Please call us at 321 452-0800 ext. 144. We won't judge you or try to change you, we will just offer support. If we can't help you, we will know someone who can, so please call. Everything you share with us is confidential.

*Take care,  
Jan*

## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- **Robert E. Lehton Children's Shelter**, a 24-Hour Emergency Shelter for young people in crisis ages 10 to 17
- **Transitional Living Program** provides housing, support, and skill development for young adults ages 16-21 to prepare for successful adulthood
- **Rainwater Center**, a day treatment program for girls in the juvenile justice system
- **Intensive Delinquency Diversion Services**, a comprehensive program for first-time juvenile offenders and their families
- Assessment and referrals at the **Brevard Juvenile Assessment Center**
- **Community Counseling/Case Management** for at risk youth and their families
- **Project Safe Place** where children access help through businesses and public buildings
- **PAWS Therapy Dog Program**, reading enhancement through the use and interaction of therapy dogs
- **Independent Living Services** for youth transitioning from foster care to adulthood
- **Family Therapy** program for youth on probation

For general information about Crosswinds services, to volunteer, or to make a donation, call 452-0800, or visit the web site: [www.crosswindsyouthservices.org](http://www.crosswindsyouthservices.org). Your donations to Crosswinds, a 501(c)(3) charity, are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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## CROSSWINDS YOUTH SERVICES

### Street Outreach

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YOUTH SERVICES, INC.

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Crosswinds was founded in 1974 to provide support to youth in crisis and has been providing services to youth and families in Brevard County for over thirty years.

Crosswinds provides services to thousands of young people and families each year, through programs designed to strengthen families and offer young people the support, skills and opportunities they need to succeed.

### Crosswinds Youth Services

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## CROSSWINDS' Street Outreach

Crosswinds Youth Services' Street Outreach program targets the needs of at-risk, runaway and homeless youth by providing services on the streets of Brevard County. The Outreach Team is on the streets four or more nights a week, connecting with youth where they are, building rapport and trust and providing immediate assistance.

They talk to youth about shelter options and hand out snacks, clothes and hygiene packs. Youth can receive these services without questions. They are also given information and referrals for other needed services, including medical clinics, food banks, GED assistance, and job training programs.

It is important to make a connection with youth in their first 90 days on the streets. Crosswinds' goal is that all youth exit street life. After immediate needs are met and trust develops, long-term solutions to leaving street life are addressed.



### Safe Place

Crosswinds Youth Services' Street Outreach program works hand in hand with the National Safe Place program. Any youth in need of services can call Crosswinds' Robert E. Lehton Children's Shelter for immediate help:

321-452-0800 ext. 144

### Additional Information

For additional information about Crosswinds Youth Services, contact Karen Locke, Chief Operating Officer at 321-452-0800 ext. 130, or visit the website at [www.crosswindsyouthservices.org](http://www.crosswindsyouthservices.org).

If you are a youth, parent  
or friend seeking services

PLEASE CALL OUR

24 Hour Crisis

Information and Referral Line

**321.452.0800**