

Dear Community Member,

Do you know who to call for quality academic and employment skills training for a local teenager?

Call us: Project Excel of the Huntington Youth Bureau Institute!

In 2011, Project Excel provided services to over 1,900 youth.



“I was in over my head; I signed up for college level courses in high school. I did not believe I could finish the work. I was drowning, trying to keep my grades up. That’s when Project Excel threw me a life line.”

*Jack, 17
Huntington Station*

Do you know who to call if you know of a youth between ages 12 and 21 who is homeless or thinking about running away, or a family in need of crisis counseling?

Call us: Huntington Sanctuary of the Huntington Youth Bureau Institute!

Sanctuary provided crisis intervention and supportive services to 363 youth and family members during 2011.

Seventeen year old Ann and her mother lost their housing in 2011, while staying with a family friend; Ann’s mother abandoned her and left the state. With no financial support and no contact from either parent, Ann was left to fend for herself, and had to resort to bouncing from couch to couch at friends’ homes. All the while, Ann stayed in school, but she knew she needed help. Running out of places to go, Ann confided in a Social Worker, who referred her to Sanctuary. At Sanctuary, Ann received emergency housing, toiletries, clothing and basic necessities as well as intensive case management, which led her to stable housing. Sanctuary partnered with Project Excel to help Ann focus on her education and take control of her life. Ann was able to apply for and receive scholarships and grants to further her education. Today, Ann is a college freshman, working a part time job and well on her way to a successful future.



*Ann, now 18
Northport*



Ann's involvement with Huntington Sanctuary and Project Excel gave her the tools and support she needed to stabilize her life and get the education she wants and needs.

All of Huntington Sanctuary and Project Excel's services are, and always have been, FREE to youth and families in the Town of Huntington. However, with funding for our programs dwindling as a result of the current economic climate, we need your help to continue to provide these crucial services for the youth and families in our community.

Your gift of \$25, \$50, \$75, or \$100 can make all the difference to youth in our community like Ann. Resources such as clothing, food, personal hygiene items, books, and educational materials allow students to focus on their personal and academic success.

Your gift today is the gift of hope for countless youth in need.

Sincerely,

Valerie Drakos, LMHC

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P.S. Please use the enclosed envelope to send in your year-end donation of \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, or whatever you can afford. As a private, non-profit 501(c)3 organization, your donation is tax deductible.

P.P.S. Don't delay; the youth in your community need your help today.