



## Anchor House Update - June Edition

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### Congratulations Arianna!

Join us in congratulating Arianna on her high school graduation! We are excited that she has been accepted into the College of New Jersey and plans to major in public health. Her long-term goals are to own a bakery and start a nonprofit.

We wish Arianna, and the other seniors who graduate later this month, the very best in the next stage of their journey! Anchor House is proud to be a part of your continued success.



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### Direct Care Spotlight: Reana Barakakos



Reana started at Anchor House three years ago as the Anchor Line Life Skills Counselor and now serves as one of two Connect to Home Case Managers. She graduated from Youngstown Stated University with a BSW and has worked mainly in direct care, focusing mostly on prevention, crisis management, and early intervention.

She enjoys working with staff who empower her and she takes advantage of the training and growth opportunities. In turn, she is able to empower and better the lives of the youth she serves. **She is glad to come to work everyday knowing that she's making a difference in the lives of many.** Fun Fact: Reana is the office yoga and meditation

expert!

*"I enjoy the humor, grace, and resilience I see in my youth and coworkers every day. I love seeing my youth figure things out and make something work for themselves. -*

Reana

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### Connect to Home Program

Connect to Home is under the umbrella

of our **Safe Housing Program** and places youth, ages 18-21, that are experiencing homelessness and **provides supportive services and apartment vouchers** through Housing Choice Vouchers for Section 8 Housing to 20 youth.

The program is geared toward youth who are aging out of the child welfare system. The Connect to Home team helps youth who are selected by the Office of Adolescent Services maintain their voucher and navigate the housing system and provides case management, counseling and linkage to other community services.

This past year, we are proud that **100% of youth in the program were housed and 100% are accessing community services.**



## Anchor House Foundation Ride for the Runaways Kickoff

The 2021 Anchor House Ride/Walk/Run for Runaways kicked off earlier this month at Quaker Bridge Mall! We're off to a great start with the challenge running through July. We appreciate the efforts of all participants and their supporters!

**[Visit the Foundation Ride website for more information](#)**

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