

# THE RUNAWAY HOUSE

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**F**rom June 1968 to the fall of 1969 Judson House was the site of a program that reached out to the many runaways in Greenwich Village at that time. It was a place where teenagers could get off the street and stay for a few days while the staff helped them make up their minds about going back home or not.

A small group of boys and girls ended up staying more than a few days and became official residents. They went to school or work, and their parents knew where they were. A staff of five or six acted as counselors and house parents. Arthur Levin was the director of the program.

Aaron Crespi recalls his experiences as one of the resident runaways, and the article from *The Village Voice* describes the program against the background of the Village at the end of the 1960s. Further details can be found in the chapter by John Tungate, in the section on "The Building"; and Arthur Levin gives his perspective in the section on "The Judson Staff."

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