



**Zachary Pinto**

# Transform Rhode Island Scholarship

“Over time, people in crisis develop a lack of trust in governmental agencies which create challenges to connect them with available services. Even with local nonprofits assisting with their challenges, transportation needs and other issues often get in the way of people being able to be there in person. HRSO teams would allow help to come to people.”

~ Zachary Pinto  
Shea High School

### **BIG IDEA:**

Zachary took a deep dive into his community and through his extensive research and meetings with activists, elected officials, and nonprofits, and learned what was needed most.

His big idea is to create street medicine teams that would bring critical services to Rhode Island’s homeless population, individuals struggling with addiction, and those facing mental health challenges.

### **HOW WILL HE DO IT?:**

Zach’s Harm Reduction Street Outreach (HRSO) teams will meet patients where they are –on the streets.

HRSO provides popup medical care, harm reduction tools and social services to those in need directly on the streets in Rhode Island’s underserved communities.



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