



**Send Relief**  
New York





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## Meeting Needs, Changing Lives

Send Relief works with churches and volunteers to meet needs and change lives in communities within the U.S. and around the world.

By offering help and hope to the most vulnerable in collaboration with missionaries, local ministries and churches, your gifts and efforts through Send Relief have a long-term impact.

With Send Relief's help, churches and partners like you receive resources and training to be the hands and feet of Jesus to communities in crisis, refugees, human trafficking survivors, those affected by natural disasters and vulnerable children and families.



## Ministry Centers

Send Relief ministry centers deliver compassion ministry within local communities while providing mission trips and training opportunities for churches all over the country. The goal of ministry centers is twofold: serve communities well and encourage others to do the same.

All over North America, Send Relief ministry centers actively assess community needs, develop ministry strategies, deliver ministry and provide opportunities for others to go on mission.

# Community Snapshot

**If you are looking for a place in New York City with sports, art, history, nature and fantastic food, the Bronx is the place to visit. The Mott Haven neighborhood in the South Bronx is a vibrant neighborhood steps away from convenient transportation into the city. Before the 1950s, the neighborhood primarily included European immigrants. Later, many African Americans and new immigrants from Puerto Rico settled in the new public housing projects.**

- Mott Haven is home to approximately 90,000 people, 30,000 of whom are under 18. The population is predominantly (96%) minority — African, African American and Latino. Many are newly arrived immigrants from Western Africa and Latin America.
- More than **75% of youth living** in the community live in nontraditional households (single parents, grandparents, etc.), with over 80% of those in single-parent homes. Less than 15% of the children live with their biological fathers.
- The Bronx has a very young population (with **34.6%** aged 19 years old or less) and has the highest proportion of children (**29.8%**) of all New York State counties.
- **90%** of the area's residents received aid, primarily families with dependent children.
- According to the 2010 census, Mott Haven has the highest poverty rate (**38%**) in the nation, the lowest median income and the highest proportion of children living below poverty (**49%**) in the U.S. New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS) has designated this community an area of high need. It has the highest number of foster care placements in the entire city.
- One in five young adults in Mott Haven is considered "idle." They are not in school and are not employed. More than **46%** of the adult residents in the community are not in the workforce, including **11%** of officially unemployed adult residents.
- **13%** of all births in the community were to teen mothers.
- Less than **70%** of students graduate from high school.



# New York City Ministry Center Snapshot

## Ministries

### Strengthen Communities

- Stop & Care
- Community Outreach
- Benevolence
- Relationship Building
- Workforce Development
- Adult Learning Center

### Care for Refugees

- Social Work Triage
- ESL Class

### Protect Children and Families

- After-School Programs for Youth
- Educational Initiatives for Adults
- Parent Education
- Internship Program
- Summer Youth
- Work Programs
- Summer Sports Camps

### Fight Human Trafficking

### Mobilization Opportunities

- Mission Trips
- Training



*“Programs don’t change people; people change people. Our ministry center provides a supportive environment for children, teens and adults to build meaningful relationships that last a lifetime. These relationships provide stability, counsel, encouragement and mentoring. Ultimately, it’s these relationships that provide the opportunity for believers to plant and nourish seeds of the gospel.”*

*— Andrew Mann*



# New York City Ministry Center and Graffiti 2 Ministries

## Community Partnerships

**Send Relief partners with Graffiti 2 Ministries in the Bronx with a simple mission: Meet the need first. When you care enough to meet the needs of others, meaningful relationships develop and doors to the gospel open. Send Relief's New York City Ministry Center exists to minister and strengthen its community.**

- The New York City Ministry Center provides a wide variety of services—food for the homeless, training programs, tutoring, high school equivalency, casework, job training and creation and church planting. Through your support, this ministry center can reach the people of New York with the hope of Jesus Christ.
- Adults looking for a place to belong come to the ministry center for support, encouragement, and help in taking next steps towards healthy lives.
- The New York Ministry Center ministers to these deeper needs while meeting surface needs through the workforce development program and adult learning center.
- Graffiti 2 Community Ministries intentionally finds ways to meet needs conducive to building relationships. It is not just about keeping people alive but helping them find true Life.



***“The aim of our ministry, locally and citywide, is to have healthy churches planted and growing within communities of need,” ministry center director Andrew Mann explains. “Locally, Graffiti 2 Baptist Church is a growing body of believers that has emerged from our ministry to the neighborhood. Other sites and affiliates that emerge will have the same goal. The aim isn’t only to meet needs through ministry, but also see faith grow and churches built through community-ministry based church planting.”***

# History of the New York City Ministry Center

The Graffiti Network of ministries and churches believe following Jesus means sharing God's love in tangible ways in the most challenging places. Their strategy is to meet needs, build relationships and allow God to transform lives by ministering to the holistic needs of individuals (physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual).

Graffiti 2 Community Ministries has served within Mott Haven since 2005. Children and families in that community are particularly vulnerable to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) due to the predominance of risk

factors involving education, health, safety, family and environment.

With Send Relief, the core of Graffiti 2's mission focuses on children, teens and families. Graffiti 2's after-school and summer sports programs provide participants with a safe environment, holistic enrichment and meaningful relationships, all proven to prevent or minimize the harmful long-term effects of ACEs.

The New York City Ministry Center provides a supportive environment for children, teens

and adults to build meaningful relationships that last a lifetime. These relationships offer stability, counsel, encouragement and mentoring.

Through this commitment to providing a safe environment, holistic enrichment and meaningful relationships, the Ministry Center provides healing and hope to those suffering trauma, and changes lives by introducing children, teens and adults to a Savior that redeems all brokenness.





## New York City Ministries

### Future Ministry Plans

- Strengthen Communities
- Create Space and Expand Programs

## Vision

The New York Ministry Center has been prayerfully looking for long-term, sustainable space to minister in the Mott Haven neighborhood for decades.

“Since 2005, we have partnered with other churches in the neighborhood by renting space. Our prayer is for a physical space of our own. A building will allow us to not only meet the holistic needs of our neighbors but also be a place to invite others to come and learn principles and best practices for serving in communities of need across the country,” says Andrew Mann.

Stewarding the resources and experiences of the NYC Ministry Center, Graffiti 2 Community Ministries plans to be a catalyst for other ministries across New York City. They hope to accomplish this through two means:

- 1) New ministries supervised and supported by Graffiti 2
- 2) Affiliating with endorsed ministries that share similar strategies, principles and best practices.

## Get Involved

One of the most powerful ways to show the most vulnerable the love of Christ is by taking steps toward them. By helping churches be the hands and feet of Jesus, Send Relief supports and provides opportunities for those who desire to respond directly to these needs in lasting, meaningful ways while sharing the hope of the gospel.

### Give

Your gift provides critical, immediate help to families and communities that need it most. Give today to provide practical care and share the love of Jesus.

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### Serve

Participate in various compassion opportunities by taking a mission trip and vision tour to a ministry center around North America. Mission trips can include apartment outreach, food pantry ministry, after-school programs, sports ministry, canvassing, prayer walking, homeless ministry, physical labor, serving at-risk families and university campus ministry. The trip also includes aspects of training and equipping so you can learn how to connect and serve the international and refugee communities in your cities.

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