

DO YOU KNOW?

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



How much do you know about Graffiti 2?

Take this quiz and test your knowledge.

1. Graffiti 2 Community Ministries serves approximately 100 people each month.
2. JoAnn Lira is currently the children's director of Graffiti 2.
3. Graffiti 2 Works added baking to its class offerings this year.
4. On Thursday mornings, Josh hosts a free coffee shop for the neighborhood called Haven Café.
5. The North American Mission Board named Graffiti 2 a Send Relief Ministry Center this year.
6. Graffiti 2's new bathroom has 2 commodes and 1 sink.
7. Graffiti 2's summer theme was "Hot Town, Summer in the City."

Having a hard time?

Read the report to find out the answers to your questions or look on the bottom of the last page.

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DO YOU KNOW

...this is Graffiti 2's 15th year of ministry in the South Bronx?

This summer, Graffiti 2 kicked off its 15th year back where it all began. After many years of enjoying the greener landscape of St. Mary's Park, due to a \$30 Million renovation taking place in St. Mary's, Graffiti 2 moved the four-week summer outreach to People's Park. Our summer theme was Beloved. Utilizing sports and recreation as an avenue, over 100 volunteers from across the country helped our students learn, "I am dearly loved; I can dearly love."

As the school year began at Graffiti 2, Graffiti 2 continued its effort to be "light not lightning." Our anchor programs serve approximately 100 people per month and include:



Besides these programs, Graffiti 2 serves the many people who walk through our door seeking help for their problems.

As a result of fifteen years of "Meeting the Need First," new disciples have been made, and Graffiti 2 Baptist Churches continues to grow. Join G2BC in our prayer to be Rooted & Fruit-ed — "to be rooted downward, and bear fruit upward" (Isaiah 37:31).



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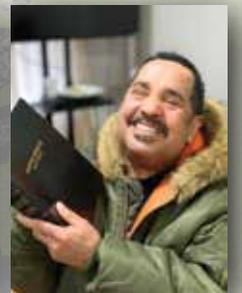
... two new outreaches are serving the adults in our community?

Mixing his love for coffee and people, Graffiti 2's Assistant Director, Josh Johnson, began Haven Café two years ago. Every Thursday morning from 9 AM to 12 noon Josh creates a comfortable space for Graffiti 2's neighbors to enjoy a cup of coffee and friendly conversation. The ministry of Haven Café is more than just a free cup of coffee; it is a ministry of listening. Often the struggles of our neighbors are heavy, and although Graffiti 2 can't fix all the problems, we can listen to the weary, bear some of the load through prayer, and point them to Jesus who offers true salvation.

For the past 15 years, the sounds of children could be heard during the after-school-hours at Graffiti 2, but these days, often the loudest laughter isn't coming from them, it's coming from adults! Under the leadership of Graffiti 2 Works Director, Kerri Johnson, the Adult Learning Center added a new English as a Second Language (ESL) class. Serving seven students who began the semester with little-to-no English, more than just language skills are growing; relationships are blossoming as well.

Inspired to reach out to her network of supporters, at Christmas Kerri shared the need for her students to have Bibles. The response of Graffiti 2 Givers was overwhelming! Not only did the ESL students get Bibles, but EVERY STUDENT enrolled in Graffiti 2 programs received a Bible.

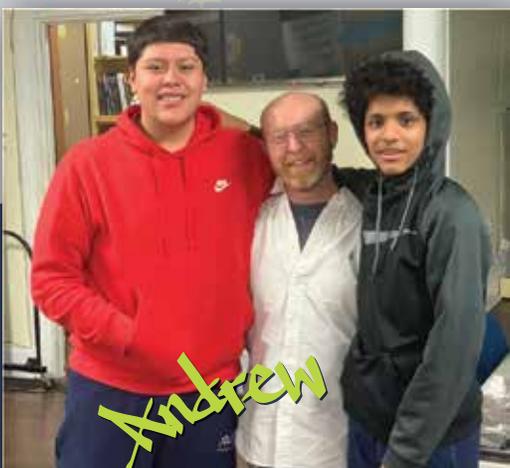
Pray for Graffiti 2 in 2020 as we plan intentional outreach to individuals struggling with addiction in our community.



DO YOU KNOW

... Graffiti 2 was named a Send Relief Ministry Center?

On October 1, Graffiti 2 was designated an official ministry center with Send Relief, an arm of the North American Mission Board (NAMB). Along with this designation is the appointment of Graffiti 2's Executive Director as a Send Relief Missionary with NAMB. In his new capacity, Andrew will continue to lead G2's team in executing local ministry in the South Bronx as Executive Director of Graffiti 2 Community Ministries and Pastor of Graffiti 2 Baptist Church. As a Send Relief Missionary, Andrew and Graffiti 2 will be given a platform to model and multiply ministry by inspiring, encouraging, and training churches across the country to serve communities-of-need.



DO YOU KNOW

...Graffiti 2 finished our bathroom?

After over two years of planning, fundraising, building and cutting through the red tape, our restrooms were finally finished. On November 26, Graffiti 2 hosted a ceremonial "toilet-paper cutting" and "first flush!" We are so thankful to our partners who helped with this project.

Do you know . . .that \$72,830.05 was given by partners to finish this project as well as other projects around the building?

Do you know . . .that the work involved more than just two commodes and two sinks? Structural joists were built/strengthened and new stairs were created to safely access the bathroom. Additionally, other projects around the building have included installing a new floor, building a kitchen, and beautifying the entryway.

Do you know . . .that for every dollar spent and every volunteer hour given, Graffiti 2 received an abatement on our rent which has helped greatly with our operating budget?

Do you know . . .that volunteer labor on these projects has been valued conservatively at over \$10,000?

Do you know . . .Ted Menster? He has faithfully and generously volunteered as Graffiti 2's construction manager for all of these projects. Ted freely gave his time, resources, and expertise to oversee volunteer labor as well as spend countless hours renovating the church building by himself. The rest of our staff have a five-minute commute to G2 from our homes, he commuted from North Carolina on his own dime!



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...Graffiti 2 is praying for a new staff member to join us in our mission?

Graffiti 2 is continuing to pray for an individual called to full-time service in the South Bronx to serve as our Youth Director.

This year Graffiti 2 adjusted staff members' job roles and job descriptions. Josh is now the Assistant Director of Graffiti 2 and JoAnn is the Student Director (overseeing programs for all students, 1st-12th grade).

In the coming year we are praying for an individual that will take the helm of the youth (6th-12th grade) so JoAnn can give her whole attention to the kids at G2.

Our national partner, Send Relief, has allotted a newly funded Journeyman position to serve at Graffiti 2. The Journeyman will assist Graffiti 2 in its role as a Send Relief Ministry Center as well as serve as our Youth Director.

If interested in serving as a Journeyman and working with youth in the South Bronx, contact Andrew at andrew@graffiti2ministries.org

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...how Graffiti 2 is financially able to accomplish our mission?

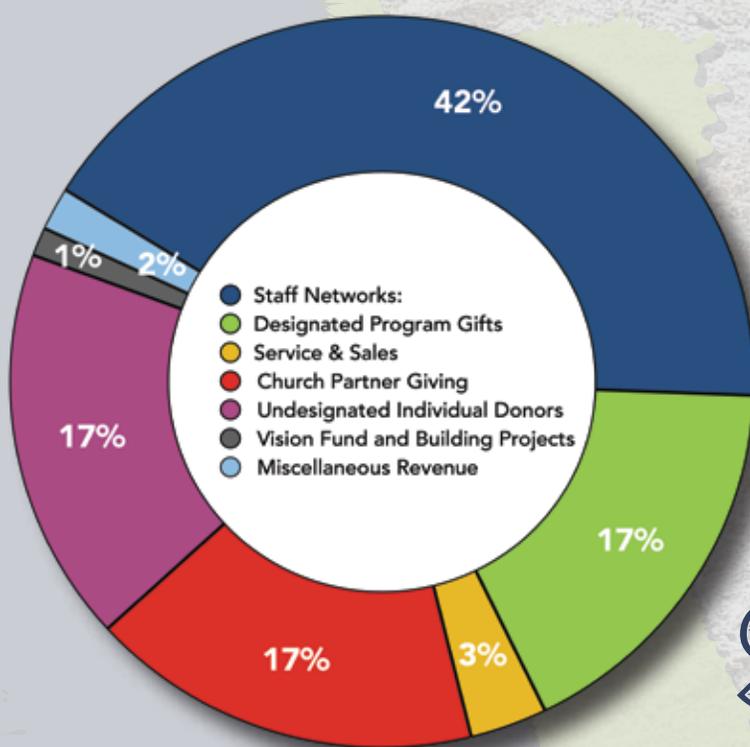
Graffiti 2 is a stellar example of Christian cooperation! Our work wouldn't exist without the support of individuals and churches who support our mission in the South Bronx.

Graffiti 2 is excited about new opportunities as a Send Relief Ministry Center. Send Relief is funded by gifts made through the Cooperative Program and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. As a Send Relief Ministry Center, the employment of Graffiti 2's Executive Director is being provided through these funds. However, Graffiti 2 Community Ministries still depends on the generous and faithful support of its partners, both individuals and churches, to accomplish our ministry objectives in the South Bronx.

Graffiti 2 Community Ministries has an annual fundraising goal of \$300,000 for our operating expenses. Broken down, that's \$25,000 a month to serve the 100+ kids, teens, and adults who walk through our doors. A gift of \$250 a month helps our staff serve one individual through educational help, meeting basic food needs, English as a Second Language classes, job training, or social services. Every financial gift makes a difference as we address the physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being of each individual we serve.

Our 2020 budget is counting on all of Graffiti 2's supporters to continue or increase their giving. With your continued or increased giving and the new support of NAMB, Graffiti 2 will be able to reallocate funds from employing the Executive Director to hiring new local employees and increasing the number of G2 Interns to tutor our students.

Check out the information below to get a snapshot of Graffiti 2's income and expenses.



2019

TOTAL REVENUE

\$288,170

Staff Networks: \$120,437—Funds raised by individual staff members from their personal networks of individuals and churches. The goal is for each staff member to find support to meet 100% of the cost of his or her employment.

Designated Program Gifts: \$49,521—Grants, fundraisers, designated donations, parental investment, special events

Service and Sales: \$9,687—Graffiti 2 Works, books, shirts, hats, Upside Down Training

Church Partner Giving: \$49,183—Churches committed to partnering with Graffiti 2 by praying, giving, and going

Undesignated Individual Donors: \$50,235—Individual donors who give one-time or monthly gifts

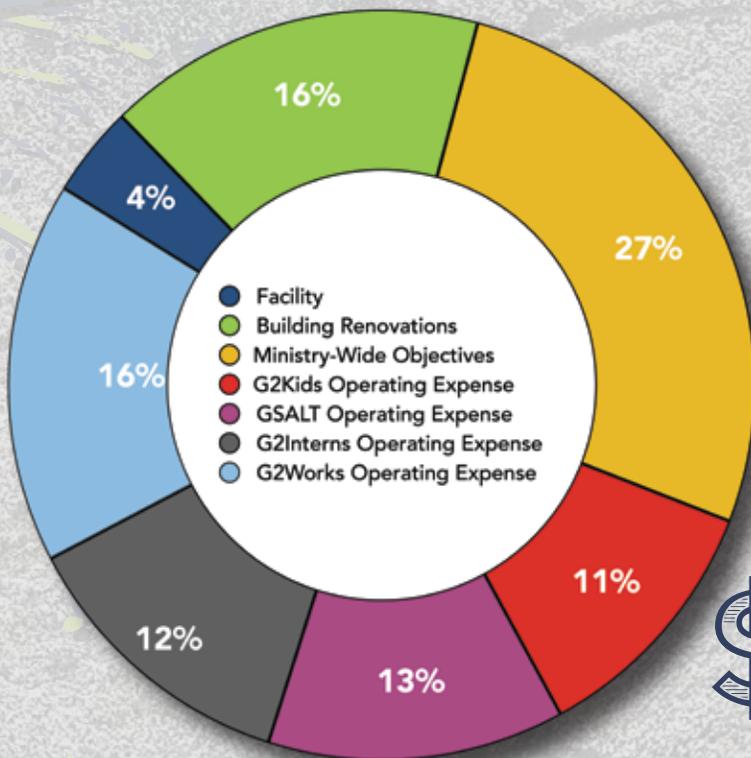
Vision Fund and Building Projects: \$3,641—money raised towards ongoing renovation projects and the long-term sustainability of Graffiti 2.

Miscellaneous Revenue: \$5,466—money from investments, bank rewards, Amazon Smile, facility rental, and reimbursements

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TOTAL EXPENSES

\$301,990



Facility: \$11,847—Includes rent of facility, maintenance, materials, insurance, and utilities

Building Renovations: \$49,611—Investment made into building through renovations that offset rent.

Ministry-Wide Objectives: \$80,831—Includes applicable personnel costs, administrative, office, Upside Down, community outreach, special events, direct assistance & support, and fundraising.

G2Kids Operating Expense: \$33,604—Includes applicable personnel costs, school year programs, summer programs, food, and travel.

GSALT Operating Expense: \$38,843—Includes applicable personnel costs, school year programs, summer programs, food, and travel.

G2 Interns Operating Expense: \$37,555—Includes applicable personnel costs, school year programs, summer programs, stipends, food, and travel.

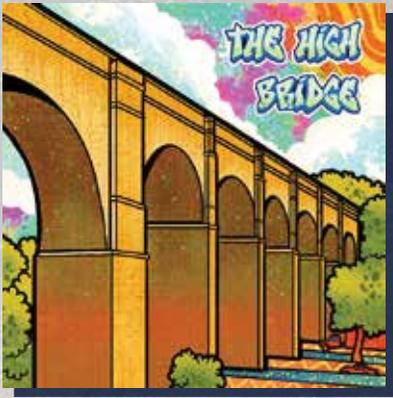
Graffiti 2 Works Operating Expense: \$49,699—Includes applicable personnel costs, Adult Learning Center materials, Artisan materials, Artisan labor, equipment, training, and G2 Store.



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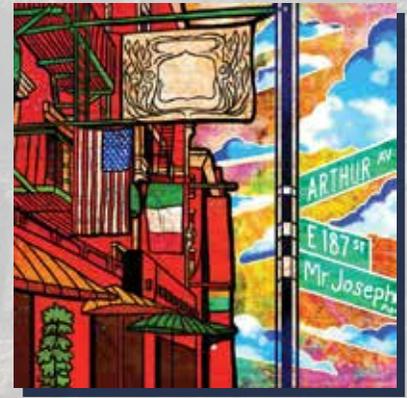
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Built in 1848, the Bronx's very own High Bridge is the oldest in all of NYC! Originally an aqueduct, it reopened in 2015 as a pedestrian walkway.



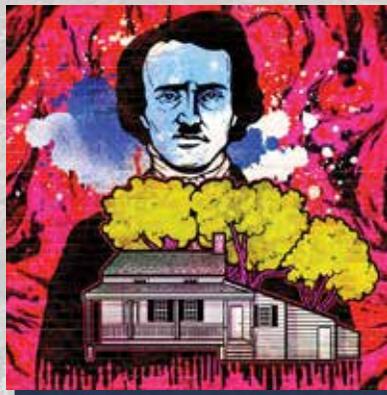
New Yorkers often affectionately refer to this borough as the "Boogie Down Bronx," but not many realize that this is a nod to it being the birthplace of hip-hop.



You can also find some of the OG landmarks of Italian-American culture in the Bronx. True New Yorkers recognize Arthur Avenue as home to the "real" Little Italy. Sorry, Manhattan!



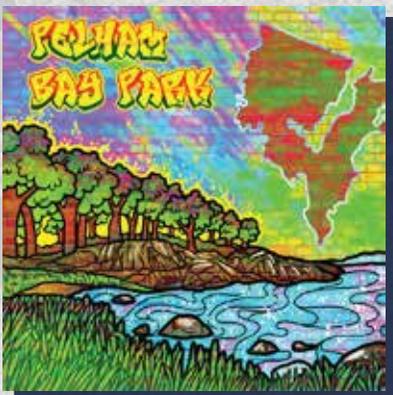
The Bronx boogies in more ways than one, as it's also the birthplace of breakdancing! Some of the greatest dances have taken place on cardboard.



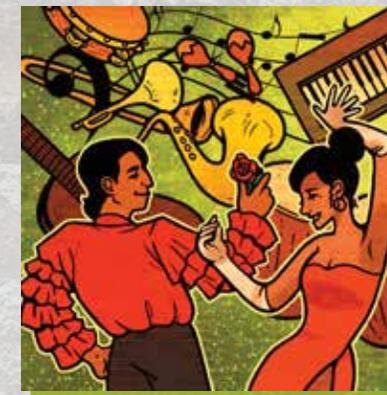
The writer Edgar Allen Poe rented a cottage on Grand Concourse that's still standing today. "We loved with love that was more than love."
-Edgar Allen Poe



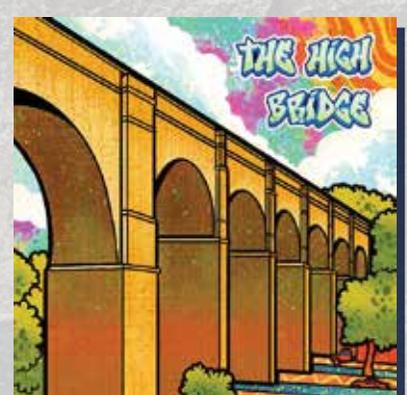
You'll have to go to the nation's capitol to see the Lincoln Memorial, but it was first carved in what is now a vacant lot in the Bronx.



The Bronx is the greenest borough in New York City, with the highest percentage of land dedicated to parks. Our local St. Mary's Park is currently undergoing a \$30 Million dollar renovation.



The Bronx is a mosaic of ethnic diversity bustling with culture, and it was in this rhythmic melting pot that mambo and salsa took root in the United States.



There's a banana-ripening facility in Hunt's Point! So don't be suprized if you see yellow little minions with big goggles running around the Bronx signing Ba-Ba-Ba-BANANAS!