

NEXT STEP COMMUNITY CHURCH BUILDING CAMPAIGN



Located at the intersection of poverty and plenty in downtown Brooklyn, New York, Next Step Community Church is a multicultural, multi-ethnic congregation whose focus is reaching people in recovery from addiction, their families and friends with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Many others who struggle on the fringes of society arrive at our door needing food or other resources, and our outreach ministry has become known throughout Brooklyn as a source of help and a voice for the voiceless.

What we need

Our church building, erected in 1893, suffered from a fire which left us with a badly damaged roof. We have an estimate to repair it of approximately \$450,000. As of April 2022, we have raised approximately ¼ of that amount.

What we'll be able to do once the roof is fixed

Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to help all who came to our door. However, we are operating under reduced capacity due to recurring leaks along the south wall of our structure. When the roof repair is addressed, this will be the result:

- Expanded food pantry services to thousands of food-insecure New Yorkers. We stayed open throughout the pandemic while hundreds of other city pantries had to close. In 2021 we gave away more than 19,000 bags of food!
- Three days a week, supply a hot, nutritious breakfast open to all who need it. We served a total of 8,700 grab-and-go meals during 2021, an average of 167 per week.



- Expand our mother/baby ministry, which supplies baby clothing, formula, strollers, car seats and other supplies to mothers of infants - 2 years old. During 2021 we were able to help more than 200 families in need.
- Create a dedicated space in which to receive clients who need social services help. We aid in obtaining IDs, cell phones, housing assistance, food stamp benefits, stimulus checks, filing taxes and more.
- Continue to connect those who struggle with addiction to detox/rehabilitation facilities.



Soup kitchen in the hot zone

A church in New York City is learning how to minister to the homeless and addicted from a distance

by Charissa Koh

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How you can help

Donate! Every dollar we receive will be set aside for this work. Please note on your donation that it is designated for the NSCC REPAIR PROJECT. You can send a check to Next Step Community Church, 360 Schermerhorn St., Brooklyn, NY 11217 or visit our website, nextstepcc.org. Our phone is 718-875-1858.

Share! Please share this letter with every ministry you know. If you are aware of organizations that would provide a matching gift, that would be especially valuable to us. Our building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Pray! For the ministry that God has allowed us to perform on our corner of downtown Brooklyn.

Thank you, God bless you.