

2024 INFO PACKET

**DC**  
NYC **MISSIONS**  
**SHORT TERM**

# DREAMCENTERNYC

Dear Friend,

First and foremost, thank you for your interest in serving alongside us. We are thrilled with the possibility of partnering with you to serve our neighbors.

Dream Center NYC Short Term Missions (STM) trips are week-long experiences that are intentional, exciting, and fast-paced. Each of our trips feature evangelistic training, purposed prayer for the city, preparation and execution of big community events, and outreach focused on connecting with our communities. Set in the heart of New York City, one of the largest global cities in the world, our STM's are bound to provide the experience of a lifetime.

The Dream Center NYC and its church, The Grace Place NYC work in partnership to serve needs, share the Gospel, and create a place where New Yorkers can experience discipleship.

Your team will be the reinforcement to a ministry that serves our neighbors in the Chelsea, East Harlem, and Hamilton Heights communities on a consistent basis. You will get hands-on experience with our Community Markets, KidsClub programs, food packing parties in our warehouse, special events, church services, and partner organizations.

Through your partnership, we are able to not only have a greater reach in our communities, but also deepen our impact with our neighbors that need it most!

Below you will find information to help you book your trip. Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please e-mail: [stm@dreamcenter.nyc](mailto:stm@dreamcenter.nyc).

While serving with us, our desire for you is to be challenged in your faith, to step out in your calling, serve this city, and learn to effectively share the gospel.

We can't wait to be part of your story!

Sincerely,

**The Dream Center NYC Staff & Team**

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# WHAT IS THE DREAM CENTER NYC?

## **OUR STORY II**

Pastor Matthew Barnett of the LA Dream Center planted the Dream Center NYC in the summer of 2008. Pastors Brad and Stella Reed, were a part of the LA Dream Center's leadership team for over 12 years before they moved their family to NYC in 2009. They built an organization and pastored a community of people sold-out to build a bridge of hope for the people of this city. They have since returned to LA and passed the baton to Pastors Stephen Perumalla and Priscilla Perumalla who have carried on the vision to provide hope by meeting both the tangible and spiritual needs of those in our communities. Our deep conviction about serving our neighbors led us to become a solution to a few of the needs we were seeing on a weekly basis. As this passion grew, in 2013 we developed a non-profit for the sake of sustaining the work being done.

## **WHY WE EXIST II**

We believe that God, for his glory, has a dream for all of us. A dream that reveals who we are, empowers us where we are, provides purpose for why we are here, and clarifies how we serve our city.

## **OUR MISSION II**

We partner with local communities through programs designed around identity, empowerment, purpose, and community engagement in order to see neighborhoods flourish across New York City.

## **OUR VISION II**

Our vision is to see a New York City where every person has the opportunity to live out their God-given dream.

## **OUR PURPOSE II**

Our purpose is to provide aid to New Yorkers, support to families, and opportunities to individuals.

# **GRACE PLACE NYC**

## **THE CHURCH OF THE DREAM CENTER NYC**

Founded in 2016 through Pastors Stephen and Priscilla Perumalla, Grace Place NYC was planted out of the Grace Place Church in Arlington, Texas. With the vision to be a church as diverse as heaven, deeply rooted in the community, and to be a place where calling is awakened and invested, the Grace Place NYC has served as not only a church but as a family to many. In 2020, Grace Place NYC had the unique privilege to further the legacy of what was formerly Dream Center Church as Pastor Brad and Stella Reed (former pastors of Dream Center NYC), passed the baton to The Perumallas and Dream Center Church merged with The Grace Place NYC Church. Dream Center NYC now serves as the philanthropic arm of Grace Place NYC and will continue to serve as a place where needs are met, relationships are formed, and the Gospel is shared.

# MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**PRAYER TOUR** || As an essential component of our Missions experience, your team will have the unique opportunity to participate in a Prayer Tour within each community you'll be serving during your time with DCNYC (Chelsea, Harlem, and Hamilton Heights). During these prayer tours, you will gain insights into the sobering statistics of the communities we serve and the challenges that our city faces. Moreover, you'll have a meaningful chance to intercede in prayer on behalf of our neighbors.

**COMMUNITY MARKET** || Our Community Market program is here to help families living in public housing by providing free pantry goods, clothing items, diapers, and more. We believe that people often EXPERIENCE God's love far before they ever hear it and that is why we host our markets. Alongside the practical support we offer, we also offer opportunities to connect on a personal level, pray with individuals, and create meaningful bonds with the community we serve. Together, we aim to make a positive impact by meeting both physical and spiritual needs with care and compassion.

**PACKING PARTIES** || Every Saturday, volunteers from around New York City join our team at our warehouse in Long Island City to prepare boxes of pantry goods to be distributed throughout the week at our Community Markets.

**WORK PROJECTS** || We are honored to work alongside different ministries, community centers, and nonprofits, offering our support to further their missions. During your time with us, you'll have the chance to not only assist DCNYC with behind-the-scenes projects but also collaborate with other organizations. There will be various activities available, from painting homes for community members to participating in neighborhood beautification projects, such as picking up trash. Through these collective efforts, our goal is to create a positive impact and contribute to the betterment of our community. Together, we can make a meaningful difference and foster a stronger, more caring environment for all.

**EVENTS** || Through your partnership, we are able to reach more than we could ever reach alone, which is why every STM week we have available is centered around a specific event; from giving away School Supplies, to hosting Basketball Tournaments - every STM is unique!

**CHURCH** || The Dream Center NYC is the philanthropic arm of The Grace Place NYC Church, located at PS 153 in Hamilton Heights. To close out the week, we give our teams the opportunity to be a part of our church service and serve in various ways. Some different opportunities include serving at our coffee bar, with our greeting team, kids and babies team, Welcome Host, or a Grace Place Service Host! Your team will also assist in the set-up and tear down process of our mobile church and get a peak into what our team does every week.

# SHORT TERM MISSIONS WEEK COSTS

## PRICING PACKAGES II

*Pricing reflects trip costs per person. These costs include selected amounts of lodging, food, supplies and ministry fees but are subject to change depending on what your specific team needs. Upon selection of dates Dream Center NYC team will send a contract with a structured payment plan. Meals are provided through our lodging partner, The New York School of Urban Ministry (NYSUM). Please note, NYSUM is unable to service special dietary needs.*

### **Package 1 // No lodging or food included**

\$274.99 per person

### **Package 2 // Lodging only (Tuesday - Sunday)**

\$559.99 per person

### **Package 3 // Lodging + Partial Food (Tuesday - Sunday)**

Includes breakfast every day, and a bagged lunch (Excluding Sunday). Does not include dinner.  
Total: \$649.99

### **Additional Services:**

#### Airport Shuttle Service to NYSUM

This is only available for teams of 6. Services only available from 8am - 6pm.

LGA Service - \$15 per person (Roundtrip)

JFK Service - \$25 per person (Roundtrip)

#### Meeting Space

Group gatherings like all team debriefs, devos, team huddles, etc. are not allowed in common spaces however, extra rooms are available for an extra fee:

Small Room (up to 50 people): \$50 per hour

Chapel (50 - 75 people): \$75 per hour

B3 Room (100 - 150 people): \$125

Dining Room (200 people): \$175

#### Metro Cards

Upon requests, we are able to purchase your groups 7-day Unlimited Metro Cards so that they are ready for you upon arrival. Metro Cards cost \$34 per person.

**SEPARATE COSTS:** hotel (if coordinating your own lodging), flights, airport transportation, metro card, cash for meals.

# PAYMENT DETAILS

The payment deadlines provided below are in accordance with our primary lodging partner, The New York School of Urban Ministry (NYSUM).

Please note that a base number of how many individuals will be coming on your trip is needed BEFORE your first deposit and at the time of the signing of your contract. We encourage you to keep this base number more conservative, as your team will be liable for any committed costs for expected team members. Please note that you may ADD team members to your trip all the way up to 60 days before your arrival, contingent on lodging availability. We will allow up to 10 last minute additions to your team.

**DEPOSIT** – A **25% deposit** is due within 30 DAYS of receipt of your invoice, along with our contract to be signed and dated in order to secure your reservation. Deposit is non-refundable/nontransferable under any circumstances, no exceptions such as but not limited to a pandemic or government shutdown as stated by The New York School of Urban Ministry.

*PLEASE NOTE: NYSUM's policy regarding housing accommodations states; individuals are reserving 1 bed per person, not a room.*

**Midway Payment** – A **2nd payment of 25%** of the entire contract is due at the mid-way point, prior to your team's arrival date (Midway point is determined by a payment plan that will be provided to you). Should you choose to cancel any time after your midway payment, the 2nd payment is also non-refundable/nontransferable under any circumstances, no exceptions such as but not limited to a pandemic or government shut down as stated by The New York School of Urban Ministry.

**Final Payment** - Remaining balance must be **paid in full at the latest, 30 days prior to arrival date**, no exceptions. If you were to book a trip within this one month period, payment in full and logistics information is due immediately upon your invoice receipt. Dream Center NYC reserves the right to withhold accommodations, services and/or deny entry until reservation is paid in full, and any/all pending information, forms and contract are received.

**Late Payments** – Payments not received on designated due dates will be subject to a 1.5 % late fee (based on the contract total) as stated by The New York School of Urban Ministry.



**Cancellations** – As stated above, the Deposit and 2nd payment are non-refundable/non-transferable in reflection of the base group number you confirmed at your midway payment. For any individual team member cancellations prior to your final cutoff date, a cancellation fee of 30% of the individual's booking total will be charged. The remaining balance will be refunded in approximately 7 days from date of cancellation and processed thru the original form of payment. The 30% cancellation fee also applies to any canceled additional service requested. Within 1 month prior to your arrival no refunds will be issued for any cancellations/changes under any circumstances.

**Information Needed for Logistics** - Your group's size/gender count and logistic details must be finalized 60 days prior to arrival. Any requested changes after that point must be communicated via email and are subject to approval and not guaranteed as Dream Center NYC reserves the right to refuse them past this deadline.

**PLEASE NOTE:** In the event of (*such as but not limited to*) a pandemic or government shut down, *The New York School of Urban Ministry* will issue a partial credit made towards a future trip. This credit will reflect payments made, such as the deposit – but minus a 50% administration fee from that amount – plus any additional Midway and Final payments. Said credit must be used within 12 months from the original arriving date reserved. If no trip is made, NYSUM will assume those funds as originally stated. This credit does not apply to any other circumstances other than the aforementioned, such as but not limited to: voluntary cancellation, change in leadership, lack of signups, etc.

## LODGING LOCATION

### **New York School of Urban Ministry (NYSUM) || 31-10 47th St, Long Island City, NY 11103**

NYSUM provides 1 set of linens for the whole stay which includes a washcloth, bath towel, a fitted sheet, flat sheet, pillow case & pillow, and a blanket.

## **Additional Forms:**

### **Compliance Form**

Every team member must complete a compliance form that will be sent closer to your arrival date. These forms are to be handed to NYSUM staff directly upon arrival to NYC.

### **Liability Form:**

Every team member must complete a liability form. This is for use by adults and minors who participate as a Missionary-Volunteer for the Dream Center NYC. Dream Center NYC may not have insurance to cover injuries or accidents that occur while acting in Missionary-Volunteer capacity, and it has no means of adequately supervising all Missionary-Volunteer activities, we ask Missionary-Volunteers to assume all risks associated with them as a condition of their participation.

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## **PAYMENT OPTIONS II**

*CHECK (Checks can be made out to Dream Center New York.)*

Mail to: Dream Center NYC

Attn:: Short Term Missions

9-11 44th Dr

Long Island City, NY 11101

*-ONLINE (additional 3% fee for all transactions)\**

-Go to:

<https://www.kindridgiving.com/App/Form/bfa188f8-4ddb-416d-84a8-899cd0b8b393>

\*You *must* include your additional 3% fee with your payment. E.G. a \$1,000 payment becomes \$1,030, etc. Please e-mail us to let us know when you've submitted your payment (stm@dreamcenter.nyc).

# 2024 SHORT TERM MISSIONS DATES

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**MARCH 5th - 10th**

Spring Break!

**MARCH 12th - 17th**

Spring Break!

**JUNE 4th - 9th**

Kids Club

**JUNE 18th - 23rd**

Summer in the City

**JULY 16th - 21st:**

Community Teen Basketball Tournament Week

**JULY 23rd - 28th:**

Community Teen Basketball Tournament Week

**AUGUST 6th - 11th:**

Back 2 School Bash!

**NOVEMBER 19th - 24th**

2023 Turkey Giveaway

**DECEMBER 3rd - 8th**

2023 Toy Giveaway

*For groups of 30 or more, we may be able to open up additional Short Term Missions (STM) weeks (Mon-Sun) based on availability. This is not a guarantee. Please contact us at: [stm@dreamcenter.nyc](mailto:stm@dreamcenter.nyc) to request more information.*

# DREAM CENTER NYC

## ***SAMPLE STM TRIP SCHEDULE***

We will provide you and your team with a ONLINE ITINERARY the week of your trip.

You can view a sample of this schedule [HERE](#) or by visiting <https://www.dreamcenter.nyc/itinerary>

\*Please note that your STM trip will include a special event such a Kids Club event, Giveaway, Block Party, etc. This is an example of what your week could look like and you will get an exact schedule closer to the dates of your trip.

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# F.A.Q.'s

## HOW DO I BOOK DATES FOR MY TRIP?

- To get started, visit [www.dreamcenter.nyc/stm](http://www.dreamcenter.nyc/stm) or email [stm@dreamcenter.nyc](mailto:stm@dreamcenter.nyc) to express your interest. Once we receive your inquiry, we'll provide you with further details, including deposit information, a contract, and a payment schedule. Please note that your trip will only be officially booked once we receive the agreed-upon deposit as outlined in the contract. The contract will specify due dates for your deposit, 50% payment, and 100% payment.

## WHERE DO I STAY?

New York School of Urban Ministry (NYSUM) 31-10 47th St.  
Long Island City, NY 11103

## WHAT DO I EAT?

- The Dream Center NYC STM pricing packages offer a variety of options depending on what meals you would like to have included at NYSUM. Teams should plan to bring \$15-\$20/meal for any meals not provided by Dream Center NYC.

## HOW WILL WE GET THERE AND WHEN DO WE LEAVE?

- Depending on what package you buy, plan your trip to arrive either on Monday or Tuesday. Check-in begins at 3pm on Tuesday, no earlier.
- You may arrive by car (there is free street parking available although it can be limited), train (Grand Central Station or Penn Station), bus (PABT or other stops) or by airplane. Recommended airport to fly into is LGA.
- After arriving by anything other than a car, you'll take public transportation (subway) to commute to NYSUM. MetroCards ought to be bought upon arrival (unless purchased through NYSUM. In this case only get the amount required on a Metro Card to get to NYSUM. Apps like: Apple maps, Google maps (recommended), Transit, Citymapper, Pigeon, etc. will help navigate around the city. If your flight arrives after 8am and before 6pm we can arrange airport pickup for you with our lodging partner for \$15 per person from Laganardia or \$25 per person for JFK. You are also welcome to use a service like Uber or a charter bus service like the ones below:  
[\(https://www.nyairporter.com/coach-bus-rentals/](https://www.nyairporter.com/coach-bus-rentals/),  
[https://www.bus.com/charter-bus-quote/wizard\)](https://www.bus.com/charter-bus-quote/wizard)
- Plan your flight to leave Sunday later afternoon/evening. If possible, 6pm at the earliest, so you have time to be at church until 2:30/3pm & commute to airport.

## **HOW WILL WE GET AROUND THE CITY?**

- Each team member is asked to purchase a 7-day Metrocard (not included in the trip cost) which will allow for unlimited rides on the New York City subway and buses for the entirety of your trip. One Unlimited Metro Card costs \$33 for one week (7 days).

## **DO YOU OFFER TRIP SCHOLARSHIPS?**

- We do not currently offer trip scholarships, but our team would love to give you fundraising ideas.. Email [stm@dreamcenter.nyc](mailto:stm@dreamcenter.nyc) to speak with one of our team members about your financial situation and how we can assist.

## **WHO CAN COME AND SERVE?**

- We accept people of all ages! We ask that if you bring a team member under 12 that you would ensure they have proper care and recommend a parent/guardian or designated leader to watch over them.

## **HOW LONG IS A DREAM CENTER NYC SHORT TERM MISSIONS (STM) TRIP?**

- A standard STM week is 5 nights, 6 days, and can include 1 day to explore the city depending on the time you arrive in NYC. Teams should plan to arrive on Monday or Tuesday, take a free day Tuesday to explore the city, and serve with us Wednesday morning through Sunday afternoon.

## **WHAT WILL WE GET TO DO?**

- Check out our list of current ministry opportunities on page 3.

## **WILL WE HAVE TIME FOR SIGHTSEEING?**

- If travel day is Monday, you will have the rest of your travel day, plus a full free day Tuesday to do all the sightseeing you like. If travel day is Tuesday, you will have the rest of that day to sightsee. As well as, each evening you will be dismissed around dinnertime with ample time to get dinner and explore NYC for the rest of the evening. These times may also provide a space to build relationships with the Dream Center team and other STM teams. PLEASE NOTE: Some of our available trips have events that go later into the evening so time to sightsee may vary.

## **HOW SHOULD I PREPARE FOR THE TRIP?**

- Pray! Share with your team about the kinds of ministries they will be doing, people they will encounter/share the gospel with, give the information we've provided, and get them ready for a challenging, stretching, and fun week!
- Go on walks. This may sound ridiculous but your team will likely walk more in a week with us than they normally walk in a month. We encourage all of our teams to prepare for this prior to your trip.
- Raise support, and gather monetary and/or supply donations. For your particular trip week, contact us for what kinds of supplies we could use. Hygiene kits and

new socks/underwear/jackets are always welcome.

- Suggested Packing List: Towel, hygiene items, daily clothing (shorts/tops must be modest), walking shoes (you will be doing a lot of walking), Bible/Pen/Notebook.