



Janelle Banta, MSW
Grant Writer

Janelle serves as the grant writer for Street Grace, bringing several years of experience working in the nonprofit sector and serving at-risk communities, including youth and refugee populations.

Janelle has served as a group home residential counselor for at-risk youth, a case worker and focus group facilitator for newly arrived Ethiopian and Somali refugee and aslyee women, and a refugee resettlement program coordinator.

Throughout the past several years, Janelle has also been involved in leadership development and community building through both church service and volunteer opportunities. During her graduate social work program, she took a dual focus approach in both clinical practice and policy and program development, burgeoning over the years into a deep passion to see nonprofits serving vulnerable populations thrive and successfully carry out their mission.

Prior to joining Street Grace, Janelle worked as a freelance grant writer for nonprofits in both Texas and Virginia. She has a bachelor's degree from Moody Bible Institute and a masters in social work from the University of New England.

Janelle is passionate about the work and mission of Street Grace and is excited to help support, build, and sustain this work.

About Street Grace:

Street Grace is a faith-based organization that utilizes evidence-based demand reduction strategies to eradicate the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) through **prevention, protection, policy, and pursuit.**

CSEC is sexual activity with a child in exchange for something of value given to the child or a third person.