



Matt DeReimer Community Advocate

Matt serves as Street Grace's Community Advocate, joining the team with a decade of experience in law enforcement, six years with Snellville Police and four years with Sandy Springs Police. Matt had left law enforcement to pursue his family's small business full-time, but he missed the service and justice aspect of being a police officer. He knew from his time as an officer, having dealt with crimes against children and recognizing them as our most innocent and vulnerable population, that Street Grace's noble mission was of the

utmost importance. Couple that with Street Grace's tie to his home church of many years, 12Stone Church, Matt knew that he wanted to help Street Grace wherever needed. He joined the team in 2018 has served in several capacities since.

The main role Matt gets to assist Street Grace in is manning the Street Teams. Street Teams are made up of volunteers from our partner organizations and faith-based congregations, who act as our "boots on the ground", praying with individuals, offering them a way out of a life of sexual exploitation, knocking on doors, conducting trainings and tabling, organizing prayer teams, and more. Matt has the privilege of going throughout the metro Atlanta area to train and lead these courageous volunteers in reaching those in their immediate communities.

Matt was born and raised in Gwinnett and continues to call the county home. He earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Kennesaw State University, along with hundreds of hours of training during his law enforcement career.

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.