

PARTNERSHIP PRODUCES POWER!



MWC Serving in Brownsville, Brooklyn

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Partnership and collaboration are not just critical for Inspire Sports Camps, it is the reason that we exist. ISC is the only summer program for many of the urban partners we serve. Our ministry fills a large programming void that most cannot facilitate themselves. It is our privilege and purpose to build upon the amazing year-round work of these selfless individuals in the summertime.

Just over three years ago, we began to explore a truly unique partnership that has catapulted our growth and allowed their ministry to sustain an important and life-changing pillar of their program. Metro World Child (MWC) is an international organization headquartered in Brooklyn, NY. The local branch of their ministry serves young people in public housing across all five boroughs of New York City. Each week their fleet of trucks brings

food, fun, and the good news of Jesus to young people right outside their apartment complexes. They are well known for showing love and care to individuals in the most violent and desperate neighborhoods of New York. For 20-plus years they facilitated 4-day overnight camps for the young people they served year-round. Several years ago, this initiative had slowed, and when COVID hit, this aspect of their summer programming was shut down completely.



Our partnership with ISC began at a crucial point.

When our leadership teams got together, thoughtful discussions revealed that both ISC and MWC could fulfill their missions more effectively if we partnered together. Together we could make it possible for hundreds of children living in NYC public housing to experience Christ's love at camp. However, this was a step of faith for both ministry teams. It required ISC to take a step of faith regarding sponsorship funding and hiring additional summer staff for a significant influx of campers. It also required MWC to trust ISC with their most valuable constituents, the young people they serve.

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NEW ISC HQ!

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This year, we are poised to serve more young people from inner-city neighborhoods, hire more volunteer summer staffers, and work with more urban partners than ever before. Over the last five years, through God's faithfulness and your generous support Inspire Sports Camps has boomed in both size and impact. To support this progress, our year-round team

has also increased significantly, and now includes 5 full-time and 7 part-time team members. Up until this year, our team worked almost fully remote with periodic meetings in shared office spaces. Team dynamics became a challenge, to say the least. In early 2023, I had a very informal discussion about this with Tom Grieco, the chairperson of the Deeper Life Foundation, an extremely generous supporter. This conversation led to a site visit to an unfinished basement space

in Allendale, NJ. In the Spring, the ISC Board of Directors was extended an offer to utilize this location for office space, however, it would require a full renovation. At this point, I contacted John Oostdyk, the Executive Director of Servant's Heart, who agreed to take on this project and have his team of skilled contractors do all necessary building, electricity, and finishing of the space. Servant's Heart provides construction services for churches, ministries, and people working with underserved populations all over the Metro NY Area. Their ministry has literally been used to change the lives of thousands of people through selfless labor and genuine craftsmanship (www.servantsheartnj.org). Matt Wolfe, the Chief Architect at LAN Associates, also gifted us all the design work. So many other unnamed volunteers and financial supporters contributed to bring this project to completion.

On January 1, 2024, our team moved into our brand new, beautiful, and debt-free ISC Headquarters! This office space location will be used to serve thousands more young people and leaders from inner-city neighborhoods across the Northeast. Words cannot describe how grateful we are for the extreme generosity of so many people, who like us, have a passion to see cities transformed one camper at a time by Jesus Christ.



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MWC's Director of Programming, Joshua Lee, states "Our partnership with Inspire Sports Camps began at a crucial point for us at Metro World Child. Post-Covid we had many challenges on how to offer Camp once again for the children we serve throughout New York City. ISC was truly a God-connect. We could have not asked for a better partnership. The full week-long camp centered on the Gospel, fun, food, and a family atmosphere is exactly what we needed. Our mission and hearts are aligned with a God-given vision to reach the Next Generation for Jesus. We are extremely grateful to have them come alongside us to give hundreds of our young people a Christian summer camp experience. Countless testimonies have come from camp and many more to come. It is an honor to serve the Kingdom together."

This is just one example of the dozens of amazing organizations, churches, and programs we partner with each year. Our urban-based partners will be sending a record-breaking number of campers to Inspire Sports Camps in 2024. We cannot wait to tell you more!



Counselor's CORNER



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Last summer I was given the awesome opportunity to be a counselor at ISC. As a Christian Ministry Major and a running back on the football team, this ministry was made for me! I had a chance to love on kids from so many different cities and see my whole cabin ring the ISC "Born Again" Bell by the end of the week. Our cabin was super competitive and we had tons of fun. We even won the Spirit Stick one night at CLUB. I can't wait to serve again and meet my new campers at ISC this summer!

THANK YOU!

You make ISC a reality for young people from inner-city neighborhoods across the Northeast.

On behalf of our campers, staff, and entire leadership team we "Thank You" for your relentless prayers and generous support.



All sponsors receive a handwritten thank you note and a baseball card picture of the campers that they sponsor.

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