
The Relief Boutique, If Relief Is What You Seek

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It's May already. Caught off guard by the rapidly changing months, I found myself in a city far away from my mother. To honor that "mother force", I figured I would only blog about things that affect women for May. The title picture "Janine w/Mustafa" was shot with 4x5 inch black and white Polaroid. [Janine](#) is one of those hard-working mothers instinctively always doing what she can for the children she births and the "kids" she cares for, we have been friends for a long time and there have been times when I was one of those "kids". Sometimes the Universe makes you pick up a business card, contact the person and things fall into place. That is how it was with [The Relief Boutique](#), I was just kind of wandering through a fair during Womens Month and stopped at a table, asked the rep what it was about. He explained the organization dressed and prepared women to interview, supplying cloths and accessories. Maybe because I like fashion or maybe because it is such a good service to offer women I thought about it first as I planned my May blog in my head. I connected with Robyn Young via email and we set up a shoot. The Relief Boutique is on the [top floor of a beautiful classic brown stone in Harlem](#). When I arrived, I was greeted by Robyn and began feeling right away the she was the "mother" of the Relief Boutique and it was strong because of her nurturing and deep care. Half way through the photos session Robyn's

partner Ben came in, Ben was the dude I initially talked to at the fair. As we talked the fact that both Robyn and Ben are practicing lawyers wanting to make a difference in the world made it all the more wonderful.

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