

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA to be used for programs that address "housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate." A panel will select recipients for grants of up to \$5,000 largely based on the degree to which the funds will be used to directly assist persons in poverty. Ministries must be in relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or ministry will be considered per year. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or organization, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information:

Organization Name: **Church of the Redeemer Baptist**

Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to) **Church of the Redeemer Baptist**

Mailing Address: **1440 South 24th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146**

Phone: **215-465-1230**

Federal Tax ID# **23-2108543**

Contact person: **Natalie Hughes** email: **VictorySummerCamp2015@gmail.com**

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement **(See Attached)**

- A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY. This can be a budget or projected budget, and should not exceed 2 pages. Church budgets are not acceptable. **(See Attached)**

3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? (Please submit on separate sheet. Maximum of one page.) **(See Attached)**

4. Total cost of the project **\$9,246.54**

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant **\$5,000**

6. Your other funding source(s) **In-kind gifts from our church's ministries**

I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed) Valerie Andrews Date 8/31/2015

PrintedName/Title Valerie Andrews, Business Manager

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline is March 1 for grants distributed on April 15; Sept. 1 for grants distributed on Oct. 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abcusa.org

Mission of the After School Program

Our mission is to use reading literacy as a vehicle to cripple the cyclical nature of generational and situational poverty. Literacy is the key to effective communication. Our action-oriented approach to academic achievement will equip and empower our children to be emerging leaders central to change in their communities.

Question 3: How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

How does one become victorious over poverty? The Victory Afterschool Program (VAP) seeks to alleviate barriers of generational and situational poverty through advancing reading literacy by investing resources into the emerging leaders central to change in the Point Breeze and Grays Ferry communities – the youth. Many youth raised in impoverished conditions are functionally illiterate as a result of circumstances beyond their control. They may be able to read and write basic sentences, but they lack the necessary skills to effectively communicate and interpret messages in everyday situations (i.e., complete forms; comprehend newspaper articles or complex signs). Illiteracy in any form is a handicap, but it is our goal to enable our youth to reclaim their power and renew their academic success.

It is projected that the cost to achieve the objectives described above will be \$9,246.54. We request a total of \$5,000 to assist in serving the Point Breeze and Grays Ferry communities. The majority of the funds will go towards accessing novel literary experiences that will cultivate academic achievement, empowerment, and the desire to be a change-agent in their communities. Literary experiences include acquiring large quantities of literature (children's books, dictionaries, thesaurus, etc.), supplemental supplies for literature projects (paper, composition notebooks, pencils, scissors, markers, glue, etc.), and also group visits to locations that represent various approaches to communication (e.g., The Philadelphia Art Museum, Penn Museum, and The Free Library of Philadelphia-Central Branch). The total estimated cost of these literary expenses is \$5,246.54.

The Matthew 25 Grant funds will be used as a stepping-stone to carry out the mission of the Victory Afterschool Program. It is our mission to use reading literacy as a vehicle to cripple the cyclical nature of generational and situational poverty. Literacy is the key to effective communication. Our action-oriented approach to academic achievement will equip and empower our children to be leaders central to change in their communities.

Victory Afterschool Program- Projected Budget

Classroom Supplies		Item	Description	Price	Quantity	Total
Food Supplies	Books	Various children's books in large quantities	Varied			\$1,500.00
	Dictionaries/Thesaurus	Used for reading, writing and research purposes	Varied			\$150.00
	Composition Notebooks	Used for journaling, book reviews, and other written assignments	\$2.00	60		\$120.00
	Crayons	Large Size Crayons, Classroom Set (400pcs)	\$80.00	2		\$160.00
	Markers	Classic Set, Classroom Set (256pcs)	\$64.00	2		\$128.00
	Paper	Lined/ Plain Assorted colors (50sheets)	\$100.00	2		\$200.00
	Glue	Sticks 4pcs	\$3.10	6		\$18.60
		Bottles (dozen)	\$21.99	3		\$65.97
	Scissors	Preschool Scissors (dozen)	\$11.99	3		\$35.97
		Big Kid Scissors (dozen)	\$15.99	3		\$47.97
Trip	Popsicle sticks	500 pcs	\$7.25	2		\$14.50
	Glue gun	1 pc	\$5.99	3		\$17.97
	Glue gun sticks	100pcs	\$14.99	2		\$29.98
	Pencils	240pcs	\$60.00	2		\$120.00
	Chart paper	50 sheets (unlined)	\$14.89	10		\$148.90
		25 sheets (lined)	\$12.89	10		\$128.90
	Paper Plates	200pcs	\$4.89	2		\$9.78
	Storage bins	Various sizes	\$50.00			\$50.00
	Healthy Snacks/Beverages	Children 30/day approx. 7000 meal times				\$4,000.00
	Paper goods					\$300.00
Bus		Transportation	\$200.00	4 Trips		\$800.00
Trip Locations		TBD	\$300.00	4 Trips		\$1,200.00
Total						\$9,246.54