

## 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." The donor's primary concern is to help ameliorate poverty. ABCUSA will distribute grants of up to \$5,000 semi-annually as long as the generosity of this donor continues. A panel will select recipients 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.

1. General Information:

Organization Name First Baptist Church Diaper Depot  
Affiliation with ABCUSA ABC - Church sponsored ministry  
Address 3009 Avenue I  
Scottsbluff NE 69361  
Phone 308-635-2548 / 308-631-5618 Federal Tax ID# 470424781  
Contact person Chris Smith email bulldogs4jesus@embargo.mail.com

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement
- Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement

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.)

4. Total cost of the project Average of \$500/monthly

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5000<sup>00</sup>

6. Your other funding source(s) please see attached

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) Christopher M. Smith Date 2/24/13

Printed Name/Title Christopher M. Smith / Deacon Chair - Youth Director - Diaper Depot  
Committee Member

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 to:  
Mission Resource Development  
American Baptist Churches USA  
P.O. Box 851  
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851  
Or emailed to: [Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org](mailto:Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org)



## **Diaper Depot Mission Statement**

To provide a solution to a commonly overlooked need of both negatively financially impacted families of young children and single parents of young children who share the same difficulties by supplying emergency/short term supplies of diapers and other support where there may be a need.

A further purpose is to build relationships with individuals to build trust and openness to the ultimate end of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## Diaper Depot Financial Information

<u>Date</u>	<u># of bags of diapers given*</u>	<u>Amount spent</u>
June 2012	65	Donated by church
July 2012	61	\$325.08
August 2012	108	\$400.00
September 2012	141	\$438.09
October 2012	170	\$582.33
November 2012	155	\$630.72
December 2012	142	\$586.05
January 2013	166**	\$328.65
February 2013	109	\$797.55

\*20 diapers individually packed in plastic grocery bags

\*\*Needed 188 but ran out at 166

### Income/other funding sources to this point

ABC/USA MCLE Grant-\$1000\*

WalMart-\$150

Quick Care Medical Services-\$350

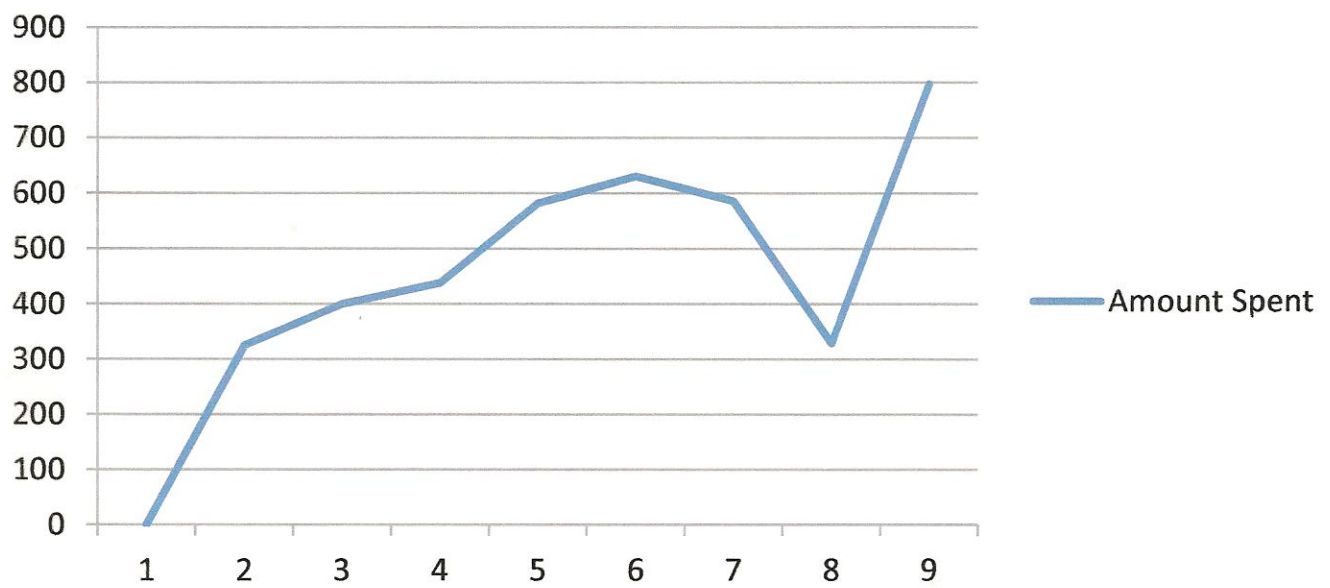
Regional West Medical Center-\$250

United Way of Western Nebraska-\$1000

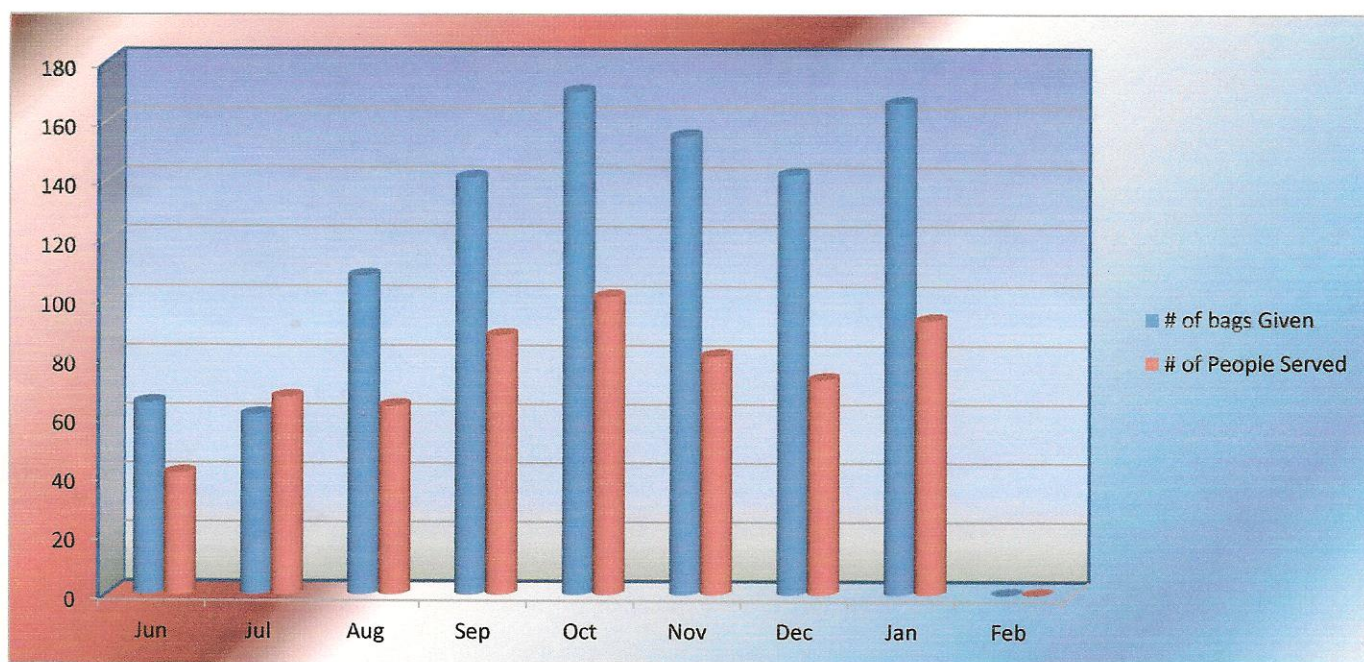
Donations from members of congregation and/or community members-app. \$3740.00

\*Initial grant was deposited in April 2012 as we prepared for first Diaper Depot in June 2012

## Amount Spent







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The requested funds will go towards the sole purpose of providing diapers for the ministry. We get a large amount of food, clothing, household items, etc. donated for this outreach, but the diapers are the main reason for doing this and all funds will go directly towards their cost.

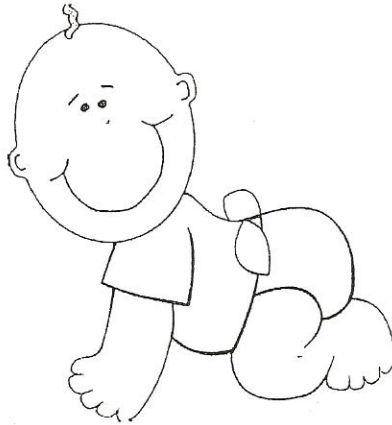
The funds we raise for diapers specifically assist and provide needs for individuals and families in poverty. Due to the large amount of poverty, teen pregnancy and other negative social issues in our community, the Diaper Depot is providing needs for our neighbors in a way that no one else is. We do our best to assist in a tangible and conservative way and be good stewards of the funds God has provided us. We give out individually packed plastic grocery bags with 20-24 diapers in each bag depending on the diaper size of the child. This is done to eliminate anyone taking full bags to the store and attempting to exchange them for money. There are no questions asked of families, they are simply asked to sign in with their name and size of diapers needed. We also feel that this conservative amount of diapers can get parents by until the next payday without forcing them to rely on us totally. We are here to EMPOWER not enable! We feel that if the church was doing what God has called us to do, the government would not have to have their hands in everything. On this note, we will not take government funds or grants, only funds from Christ-Centered or community minded groups or individuals. Diapers are normally only handed out on distribution days at the church (the fourth Saturday of each month from 9-11am) but emergency supplies are available if deemed necessary. We have formed partnerships with many local organizations and agencies to help us find and fulfill the needs for distribution.

Helping keep children clean and healthy is our goal. Jesus said to love the little children and never turn them away and we follow this command. We are also building relationships and openness so that the door may be opened in which we can share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bring folks into a relationship with Him.

On a side note, this ministry came about as a result of our MCLE training with Glynis LaBarre for the ABC Home Mission Society. It has continued to grow and we truly appreciate ABC/USA for inspiring us to find needs that need to be met and doing it in Jesus' Name. Through the MCLE training, prayer, discussion, and initial grant funding, this ministry, which is so simple, is assisting families who may have to choose between clean diapers for their little ones and putting food on their table. By sharing in this way, needs are being met and poverty and its effects are being dealt with. Praise Jesus!

# **The First Baptist Diaper Depot**

*"Getting to the bottom  
of things and changing  
the Valley...  
one diaper at a time!"*



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*Scheduled pickup dates  
and times*

*The fourth Saturday  
of every month  
from 9-11am*

*at First Baptist Church*

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supplies of diapers and support  
whenever there may be a need.**