

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.

1. General Information:

Organization Name: First Baptist Church Charlotte- Tide Me Over Ministry (feeding hungry children during 2014-2015 school year with weekend food bags.

Affiliation with ABCUSA Yes

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Contact person: Mona Ellard email ellard@msu.edu

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement
- 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.

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: \$17,418

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$3,500

6. Your other funding source(s) Church membership, grants, businesses, community service clubs

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) Richard H. Wilford Date 08/13/2014

Printed Name/Title Reverend Richard H. Wilford (Pastor)

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 beth.fogg@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



Tide Me Over Ministry Mission:

The Tide Me Over Program mission is to feed identified hungry children in the Charlotte Upper Elementary school, by providing weekend bags of nutritious food to 102 children during the 2014-2015 school year through volunteer efforts and financial donations.

Tide Me Over projected Budget

2014-2015 School Year

INCOME

Balance Forward \$2964

Secured Funds:

Church member donations \$8623

Eaton Federal Bank \$1000

ECCF-Generosity Fund \$1000

Unsecured Funds:

ABCUSA Matthew 25 grant \$3,500

Community donations \$331

TOTAL INCOME \$17,418

EXPENDITURES

Non Food expenses:

GLFood Bank membership \$50

Plastic bags \$250

Commercial shelving \$400

Miscellaneous \$398

Non food expenses total \$1098

Food Expenses: \$16,320

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$17,418

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

Charlotte children are going hungry reported by Kim Caudell, Principal of Charlotte Public Upper Elementary School. The ability of families to be gainfully employed is greatly decreased when nearly a quarter of the 18-24 year adults living in the city of Charlotte do not have a high school degree. 21% of the households in the city of Charlotte earn less than \$25,000 a year. U.S. Census American Fact Finder estimates for 2008-2013 for Charlotte, MI.

Long standing nutritional research indicates that children need an adequate amount of daily nutrients to be able to function cognitively and their ability to think and reason is the foundation for success in school.

In 2013-2014, there were 583 students in the Upper Elementary school and 54% qualified for the Federal Food Assistant Program. The newest statistical data provided by the state of Michigan in May, 2014, indicates the Upper Elementary at-risk students have started to reduce in number from 54% to 51%. This is good news! However the 51 % represents three hundred and five students still at risk of hunger. This Tide Me Over ministry will be targeting 102 of the most vulnerable children.

The weekend food bags, during the school year provides food for each child with two breakfasts, two lunches and three dinners and some quantity of food to be shared with the entire family. The Time Me Over (TMO) ministry will provide individual weekend food bags for these children so they will be ready to learn each Monday.

This is the third year for Time Me Over ministry targeting at-risk Charlotte Public- Upper Elementary Schools' fourth, fifth and sixth graders. ABCUSA has been generous to fund this ministry at the level of \$5,000 each of the first two years.

This year First Baptist Church-Charlotte's Tide Me Over ministry is requesting \$3,500. Even though this ministry cannot be financially independent yet, action has been taken to secure more financial support from local grant opportunities and seek funding from community service organizations. This grant requested funds would be used exclusively to purchase food for the weekly food bags. In 2013-2014, TMO provided a total of 3,133 food bags to children. The cost of each bag is \$5 or \$160 will feed a child for the school year.

The First Baptist Church of Charlotte seeks \$3,500 to support the Tide Me Over ministry for the 2014-2015 school year.