

## 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 Gifts From Above  
Affiliation with ABCUSA Ministry of First Baptist Church  
Address 335 West Clark, Albert Lea, MN 56007  
Phone 507-402-8744 Federal Tax ID# 41-6006284  
Contact person Karolee Coppoc email kcoppoc@msn.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 \$ 5,000.00

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$ 5000.00

6. Your other funding source(s) Private Donation

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) Karolee A. Coppoc Date 08-29-2013

Printed Name/Title Karolee A. Coppoc, Co-director

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)



## **GIFTS FROM ABOVE**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide pregnancy test to women who think they may be pregnant along with pregnancy and infant care education, distribution of donated items for infant care, and referrals for pregnant women and new parents/guardians to other services as appropriate and requested.

### **PURPOSE**

Because we believe that life is placed in the womb by God the Father at conception, our purpose is to provide clients with accurate and complete information regarding the sanctity of life, prenatal development and abortion in a loving and Christian atmosphere, to empower women by means of education and encouragement with the end goal of healthy women and babies.

Gifts From Above is a ministry of First Baptist Church which is a 501 © 3 organization. Gifts From Above will not discriminate in providing services because of race, religious belief, creed, national origin, age or marital status of it's clients.

**GIFTS FROM ABOVE-- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**May 31, 2013-July 31, 2013**

**Balance May 31 , 2013** **\$2,967.25**

**DEPOSITS**

6/16/2013	Exchange Club Donation	\$200.00
7/14/2013	Kay Werner Donation	\$30.00
7/18/2013	Miriam White Donation	\$25.00
7/18/2013	Debra Vick Donation	\$10.00
7/18/2013	Doug & Bette Jensen Donation	\$20.00
7/23/2013	Garage Sale Proceeds	\$687.20
7/23/2013	Return cash for Rummage Sale	\$350.00
7/26/2013	Kyle & Rose Olson Donation	\$278.00
7/26/2013	Cynthia Parry Donation	\$15.00
7/26/2013	Roger Lonning Donation	\$50.00

**WITHDRAWALS**

6/2/2013	Home Depot/Walgreens/Dollar Tree etc.	-\$352.44
6/6/2013	Fleet Farm Supply (Locks)	-\$12.68
6/9/2013	Wal-Mart (crib)	-\$89.00
6/10/2013	Wal-Mart (2 play yards)	-\$89.76
6/30/2013	Wal-Mart/Walgreens/Hy-Vee/Post Office	-\$52.51
7/16/2013	Wal-Marts/Kwik Trip/Advertising(comp.)	-\$429.69
7/16/2013	Cash for Rummage Sale	-\$350.00
7/23/2013	Wal-Mart (high chair & car seat)	-\$124.88

**Balance July 31, 2013** **\$3,131.49**

Dawn Huizinga, Bookkeeper



**GIFTS FROM ABOVE - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
AS OF JULY 31, 2013**

**Designated Funds**

Signage	300
CareNet Membership	450 2013 and 2014
Locking File Cabinet	185
Ekros	750 Sept 2013 - 2014
Reserve for emergency client assist	300
Total	<u>1985</u>

**Wish List Items**

Educational Material
Bible Study - Intro to Bible & John
Abortion - Honest Answers
Abortion - What About Abortion
Television
Total

**Other Future Considerations**

Projector for Power Point Presentations  
Conference Expenses  
Furnishings for room to meet clients

Gifts From Above is a start-up mission operating as a completely voluntary mission of First Baptist Church in Albert Lea, MN. This request is for assistance with start-up expenses.

We work with all nationalities but most clients are from Hispanic, Karin, and Sudanese populations. Women who are pregnant or have infants up through age 2 are the main focus of our ministry. Because of the diversity in the situation of our clients, the needs vary greatly. The majority of clients are single parents and have significant financial need. Demographics collected demonstrate need. If a woman is in an unsafe environment or an unavoidable emergency comes to Gifts From Above a two day supply of essential infant need is supplied along with other appropriate resources as available. We also try to help with maternity clothing but at this time can only distribute what is donated to the ministry.

Our goal is to offer hope and empowerment to our clients through education, support, provision of necessary items for pregnant women and infants, and available resources as appropriate. We do not offer professional medical or counseling services. We do however make referrals to those resources.

#### **EDUCATION**

We use the CareNet educational system. CareNet is a prolife, Christian organization that operates specifically to provide resources to crisis pregnancy centers. A need Gifts From Above has is a start up for a Spanish DVD library and expansion of the current library which addresses prenatal through toddler education.

#### **INFANT ESSENTIAL NEED**

We supply pregnant women with a layette approximately two weeks prior to delivery. If we have access to gently used items, those items may be included in the layette which brings the expense incurred to a lower level. To date we have given 23 layettes. These essential needs assists with the newborn coming home from the hospital. They bring a smile to the clients face and a lift to the spirit as well as meeting a need for the infant. The client earns "Baby Bucks" with attendance to designated appointments, education regarding pregnancy or infant care, church or bible teaching, achievements such as GED or employment and support groups. "Baby Bucks" are spent in the boutique to trade for essential need items or baby furniture if available. No money is exchanged.

#### **INFANT SAFETY**

Our goal is to see that the infant is safe which may include different needs being met.

- If the client is within two months of delivery or the infant is less than three months old, we have a resource for Pac n' Plays to insure safe sleep if financial need can be demonstrated. If the client does not meet the above criteria Gifts From Above attempts to supply a safe sleep place for the infant.
- Transportation is a major need of our clients. Many do not have a car available to them. As Albert Lea is a small community, there are resources that the client can walk to if they have transportation for necessary appointments and stores. The need is for strollers for the infant and a way to carry packages. Each stroller includes a car seat which attaches. This assures safety for the infant and later a safe ride for the toddler. If the infant is old enough to sit well, a single stroller is supplied if available.
- A very few insurances supply car seats. We ask clients to check their insurance to see if coverage is available. If not and there is no other resource for the safety of the child when riding in a car, we will attempt to supply a car seat.

#### **Total Request for Start-up Expenses incurred.**

Education	760	
Essential Infant Needs	1100	
Stroller	840	
Car Seat	700	
Pac n' Play	400	
Formula/Diapers	700	
Emergency Transportation	500	
Total Request		<u>\$5000.00</u>

Thank you very much for your consideration of the above request.