

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 Beginnings Preschool and Parents' Day Out
Affiliation with ABCUSA First Baptist Church of Indianapolis/ABCUSA
Address 8600 N. College Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46240
Phone 317-574-6454 Federal Tax ID# 35-1065808
Contact person Carol Mann email cmann@fbcindy.org

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 \$92,000/year

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

6. Your other funding source(s) tuition fees, fundraisers and contributions

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) Carol S. Mann Date 8/29/13

Printed Name/Title Preschool 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



MISSION STATEMENT of BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL and PARENTS' DAY OUT:

Beginnings is a child-centered program which is structured to meet the physical, social and emotional needs of young children – infants through age 5. The program is designed to provide care and learning opportunities for young children in a safe, loving Christian environment so that parents can have a consistent time for care of themselves. This ministry is one way to offer support and nurture to the families in our area.

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

BEGINNINGS

Beginnings witnessed a slight enrollment decline in both the Preschool and Parents' Day Out programs during the 2012 year. The Board attributes this to the depressed state of the economy. We increased our fees by \$1/day for the first time since 2009.

In June and July, Beginnings offered the third annual two-days-a-week, six-week summer session. Participating families asked that we offer a summer program again in 2013.

During the 2011-2012 school year, the preschool class had four Karen children attending one day a week, thanks to scholarship donations from First Baptist Church members and Sunday School classes. Beginnings provides these children with excellent preschool opportunities, while also providing the other children in the class with wonderful experiences (mini real-life society.) With guidance from a loving staff, children learn to appreciate people's differences. In addition to these full-time scholarships, Beginnings assisted eight other children with partial scholarships.

Fundraisers (dining out at Chile Verde, Tastefully Simple, and Mike's Car Wash), plus generous monetary and material donations from First Baptist members, have been a huge help to Beginnings' finances. With the support, encouragement and prayers of Beginnings families, staff, board and First Baptist Church, Beginning continues its ministry in the First Baptist neighborhood.

Thank you for providing such a wonderful facility for this needed ministry in this neighborhood. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for Beginnings. I am truly humbled by the commitment of the people here at First Baptist Church to this ministry.

*On behalf of the Beginnings Board and Staff,
Carol Mann, Director*

First Baptist Church - Indianapolis
Beginnings
September 1, 2012 - July 31, 2013

Budget September 1, 2012 August 31, 2013		Actual July	Budget September 1 July 31	Actual September 1 July 31
Revenue				
\$ 80,000	Program Fee	\$ 1,973.00	\$ 80,000	\$ 68,397.89
11,500	Stay and Play	-	11,500	6,879.43
4,600	Enrollment/Supply Fees	-	4,600	2,865.00
200	Other Revenue	10.00	200	227.00
	Field Trip	-		-
1,500	Fundraiser	23.70	1,500	243.70
500	Donations	320.00	500	7,411.00
-	Interest	-	-	-
<u>98,300</u>	Total Revenue	<u>2,326.70</u>	<u>98,300</u>	<u>86,024.02</u>
Expenses				
92,000	Payroll includes accrued payroll	3,826.88	92,000	84,851.67
4,650	Director MMBB	357.07	4,650	3,927.77
1,500	Supplies	135.35	1,500	869.55
-	Recognition	-	-	-
300	Training	-	300	-
100	Equipment	-	100	-
-	Field trips	-	-	-
-	Fundraiser	-	-	-
-	Church Contribution	-	-	-
-	Bank Fees	-	-	-
<u>98,550</u>	Total Expenses	<u>4,319.30</u>	<u>98,550</u>	<u>89,648.99</u>
<u>\$ (250)</u>	Revenue over Expenses*	<u>\$ (1,992.60)</u>	<u>\$ (250)</u>	<u>\$ (3,624.97)</u>
<i>Needed to cover summer</i>		<i>7,200 pro-rata share</i>	<u>\$ -</u>	
<i>Adjusted Revenue over Expense**</i>			<u>\$ (3,624.97)</u>	
Cash Balance July 31, 2013			\$ 10,384.51	
Receipts for future months			1,976.00	
Un-earned registration and supply fees			845.00	
Accrued payroll payable		0 days	\$ -	
Payable to First Baptist Church,		July Expenses	(Paid Aug., 2013)	4,222.29
Fund Balance*** July 31, 2013			<u>\$ 3,341.22</u>	
Adjusted Fund Balance****			<u>\$ 3,341.22</u>	
Scholarship Fund September 1, 2012			\$ 13,569.17	
Donations			\$ 11,413.09	
Interest Earned			\$ 12.22	
Grants Made			\$ (13,192.29)	
Scholarship Fund July 31, 2013			<u>\$ 11,802.19</u>	

* Revenue over expense for the current month/year to date

** Adjustment to carry us through the summer -- \$7,200

This is how much we will spend this summer that will not be covered by summer program fees

*** This is the cumulative fund balance, considering gains and losses over the years

**** This takes into account the amount to needed to cover the summer

Daily Joy attended Beginnings Preschool two years ago. She is the daughter of non-English speaking parents who are Karen refugees from Burma. There were two other Karen children, all on full scholarship, in the multi-cultured class with her. Daily Joy became a leader and shared her gifts with all her classmates and teachers. After her time at Beginnings, she received the Personal Best Award in her kindergarten class at a nearby public school.

At Beginnings we help children like Daily Joy learn how to share, take turns, work together, negotiate, create, ask questions...in other words, we teach them how to learn! We emphasize God's world as the children go outdoors to explore and learn on as many days as possible. These children get to experience the awe and wonder of creation.

We are aware that these children will grow up and become citizens of our country. They have the potential to become leaders in many ways. It is important that they have a good start on that journey. Unfortunately, due to shrinking budgets, the public school district in our area no longer offers a free alternative to private preschool for these families.

In the past six years, First Baptist Church members have provided between one and four scholarships each year for children of Karen refugee families to attend our preschool one day a week. Many of these children live within walking distance of our church building. We know how valuable a good preschool experience is, especially for at-risk children as they enter the public school system. We have watched these children grow and blossom, and become good students who love school!

First Baptist Church provides us with the building, classroom space, a large gym for use on "bad weather days" and age-appropriate materials. However, the ministry of Beginnings is supported by the families who enroll their children. Because members of the Karen community are often unable to afford preschool, we are applying for this grant. Ten Karen families have requested scholarships for their children for this school year. It is our desire to offer them two days a week of school. The cost of tuition for one year, per student, will be \$2562.

In order to do that, we are submitting this application to you. Until now, our scholarship funds have come from the individuals who have generously supported Beginnings. Sadly, we do not have enough money to reach our goal this year. Any and all funds we receive as part of the Matthew 25 Grant program will be used to provide scholarships so that these children will be well-prepared when they enter the public school system.