

The attached is a request to the
Office of the General Secretary of the American Baptist Churches USA
for an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant
from

The First Baptist Church of Painted Post, New York

130 WEST WATER STREET, PAINTED POST NY 14870

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Year Founded: 1853

EIN #: 16-1135950

Project Name: BABY BANK

Year Project established: 2016

Project budget for 2019: \$12,400

Amount requested: \$5,000

Volunteers, Part Time: 3 + a handful of others to help out as needed

Project Director: Cathy Weil

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ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2018

A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, 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. Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.

Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements or repairs to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church that is applying for the grant; checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

Tab through the document to fill in all the fields below.

1. Applicant Information

Name of Church: *First Baptist Church of Painted Post*

Mailing Address: *130 West Water Street, Painted Post, NY 14870*

Phone: *(607) 962-1736*

Federal Tax ID#: *16-1135950*

Name of Region: *Rochester Genesee Region of the American Baptist Churches USA*

Contact person (person completing this form): *Cathy Weil*

Email of contact person: *cbhorizonsc@gmail.com*

Does your church contribute to United Mission? *Yes*

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? *No*

If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds?

1. What ministry or group will use these funds?

The Baby Bank at First Baptist Church of Painted Post

1. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Please include a very brief and specific statement on how the money will be spent. For example: to purchase school supplies for 100 elementary school children; to provide summer camp scholarships for 10 children from low-income families; purchase diapers and wipes for single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

All funds will be used to purchase the basic diapering necessities for babies in need: a 1 week supply of diapers, wipes, baby wash/shampoo combo and A&D type ointment. Our program currently provides this, up to 3 times per year per child, and we conscientiously shop to try to double and triple how far our donations go!

Kindly also see separate page for “Our BABY BANK Story”

1.How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? What impact do you hope to make on the target group or community?

Nationwide, 1 in 3 families with diaper-age children indicate they cannot provide diapers as needed for their children and in our area, where 47% of children are eligible for subsidized school lunches, we are sure the national statistics apply here. No federal programs provide diapers and diapers cannot be purchased with “food stamp” money. When babies are not changed as often as they should be, they are more likely to get dermatitis, diaper rash and urinary tract infections that require a doctor's visit which forces the parent to miss work. Not being able to provide diapers for their baby stresses parents, which affects the whole family. Multiple studies have shown that children of stressed parents are at greater risk of developing emotional, social and behavioral problems. Early childhood education has proven to be one of the most effective ways to break the cycle of poverty, but without a sufficient supply of diapers, a child cannot attend; this fact frequently forces the parent to miss work and the paycheck that would pay for diapers. Many of our clients seem to be making do until there is an unforeseen problem that pushes them into the “diaper need” category: an unexpected car repair, illness that causes lost wages, taking in a relative's child (many of our visitors are grandparents,) higher utility bills due to weather, etc. The ability to obtain diapers for their children is a great help to these families and is sometimes the only hand-up they need to get back on track.

1.Total cost of the project:

\$12,000

1.Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant:

\$5,000

1.List other funding source(s): *Some of our major sources of income from September 2016 - July 2018: Our biggest contribution to date has been a one-time grant of \$5,000 from the Rochester Genesee Region of the American Baptist Churches USA. We have been awarded a \$1,000 grant (to be awarded in June of 2019) from Volunteering Works, associated with the Realtor magazine and its Good Neighbor program. Various groups have written one time checks in response to fund-raising requests: Kiwanis, (\$1000 at start up and \$ 700 in 2018,) First Heritage Federal Credit Union (\$500,) Corning Federal Credit Union (\$200,) Caton United Methodist Church (\$255,) Corning Mom's Club (\$100 plus diaper drive,) and diaper drives by Curves and Card-Carrying Book and Gift Shop. A variety of individual smaller donations totaling over \$2,000. Our church enthusiastically supports this mission as well, with contributions totaling in excess of \$ 4,000.*

1.Please submit along with your application a copy of:

-Your mission statement.

Our goal is to help babies and toddlers stay healthier by providing diapers and wipes to families in need

-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.

Please see separate page

By submitting this application on behalf of (church name) , I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct. We agree to use and/or disburse any grant funds awarded for the sole purpose as described within this application. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by (name of person): *Cathy Weil*

Date: *August 24, 2018*

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline September 1. Grants will be distributed no later than October 15.
- Only electronic submissions of completed applications and supporting documents will be accepted. Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org.
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

Instructions and information for completing the 2018 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application

1. General information

Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that include non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church in good standing.

When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the church. Checks will not be made to an individual or ministry.

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Briefly describe what will be purchased with the grant funds if awarded. Be specific with the expected use of these funds. This should be a very short and specific statement on where the money will be spent, do not include a lengthy narrative of the ministry project.

You are encouraged to provide a longer description of the ministry but this additional information must be limited to no more than one page in length and submitted as an attachment.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, for capital improvements to church facilities, to pay for regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance) or repairs, or to maintain a "Rainy Day fund" or church benevolent fund.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

Describe how the Matthew 25 grant funds will benefit those less fortunate. What effect and impact do you hope to have on individuals battling poverty or the community you are hoping to serve?

5. Total cost of the project

List the total amount of this project or ministry need.

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant.

One application per church will be considered per 24 month period. The maximum amount awarded is \$5,000. If you have previously been a Matthew 25 grant recipient, you must have submitted a follow-up report in order to be eligible to reapply.

7. Your other funding source(s).

List all other sources providing funding for this ministry.

8. Please submit with your application a copy of:**- Your mission statement**

Include as an attachment a copy of the church or ministry's mission statement.

- A financial statement for this ministry

This budget or projected budget must include itemized expenses and income for the ministry applying for the Matthew 25 grant funding. Church budgets are not acceptable.

Other information and requirements

By submitting an application,

- You certify that all information submitted is true and correct;
- You agree to use and/or disburse any awarded grant funds for the sole purpose as described within this application;
- You agree to supply a one page report on the use of funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant;
- You give ABCUSA permission to share your story via the ABCUSA website or newsletter;
- You give ABCUSA permission to use the photograph(s) submitted for printing and/or posting.

I have reviewed the instructions provided: **CW**

Your typed name and initials are your electronic signatures on this document.

Our BABY BANK Story

Our church has supported the Painted Post Food Pantry (run out of the Painted Post United Church) ever since its beginning both financially and by church members helping staff the pantry and serving as members of the Pantry BOD. As such we became increasingly aware of the large number of families that were in need of help with baby items – in particular diapers. It was made very clear to us by local health officials that when babies and toddlers do not receive proper diaper care, serious and far reaching health issues often are the result. So in late 2016 we laid the groundwork for starting a BABY BANK serving the greater Corning-Painted Post area to help meet this need. The BABY BANK is operated out of our old church library and has its own financial account - totally separate from the regular church accounts. Our church has enthusiastically and generously supported the BABY BANK, and with the support of local organizations and businesses and individuals as well as the enthusiastic support from our church, we have to date managed to raise in excess of \$14,000. However, it has become clear to us that we need to reach out much more for additional support to meet the increased demand for this service.

In 2017, we helped 251 families with 407 children, giving out 20,350 diapers! With each one week supply of diapers (that families can receive three times per year, per child,) we give a container of diaper wipes, a 4 oz bottle of baby shampoo/ body wash, and a 1 oz container of diaper rash ointment. We have an assortment of miscellaneous items available on an as-needed basis, including bottles, formula, bibs, burp cloths, booties and hats, and beautifully crocheted or quilted baby blankets.

Throughout 2017 we saw a steady increase in the number of children served each month. This increase was partly a result of the existence of our BABY BANK becoming better known, but partly also due to an increased need. For the first seven months of 2018, we helped 290 families and 474 children - already well over what we served for all of 2017. So at this rate we anticipate ending 2018 by expending around \$8,000 and having served over twice the number of children we served last year and having distributed around 50,000 diapers. We project that the demand will only continue to grow, especially with a large local employer (Sitel) closing its doors at the end of the year. So our goal for 2019 is to raise \$12,000 to meet the increased demand.

BABY BANK BUDGET

Starting balance, Jan 1, 2017	\$ 2,723
Donations 2017	\$ 2,796
<u>Expenses 2017</u>	<u>\$ 3,895</u>
Balance, Jan 1, 2018	\$ 2,624
Donations, Jan – July, 2018	\$ 7,508
<u>Expenses, Jan – Aug, 2018</u>	<u>\$ 5,917</u>
Balance, Sep 1, 2018	\$ 4,215
Projected donations, Aug – Dec, 2018	\$ 700
Projected expenses, Aug – Dec, 2018	\$ 2,845
<u>Matthew 27 Grant</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Projected balance, Jan 1, 2019	\$ 7,070
Volunteering Works grant, June 2019	\$ 1,000
Other donations 2019	\$ 6,000
<u>Projected expenses for 2019</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
Projected balance, Jan 1, 2020	\$ 2,070

Note: There are no operating expenses for this community service program as it is run by people who all volunteer their time and services, and office supplies are provided by the church or through individual donations.