

## 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: Companis Mission Workers

Affiliation with ABCUSA: Nineteen years ago, the World Relief Committee provided a seed grant to start Companis, initially a ministry of Seattle First Baptist Church, which remains in ministry with Companis. Companis offices are provided by SFBC and our Executive Director is the pastor for Vocation & Call at Seattle First Baptist Church.

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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: \$36,800

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

6. Your other funding source(s): Companis Mission Workers' individual donors (individual donors are a strong and consistent funding base for Companis), corporate donors (more outreach is being put in this area in 2013 thanks to a capacity building grant received in late 2012)

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) Rita I. Hibbard Date 2-25-13  
Printed Name/Title Rita Hibbard, Executive Associate

## **Companis – Matthew 25 American Baptist Churches USA grant application**

With \$5,000 from the American Baptist Churches USA Matthew 25 Grant, Companis will ensure that a dedicated and caring Companis professional (Companis Worker) will continue to provide food and shelter to homeless women and children of Seattle in the 2013-2014 year.

That may sound like an unrealistic claim – how can we do all that with \$5,000? But that's how Companis works, and that's why we're meeting our mission as we head toward our 20<sup>th</sup> year of helping more than 100 nonprofit agencies thrive and survive, providing internal capacity when they need to grow but can't afford it, or suddenly are faced with a budgetary setback.

We do this by leveraging what struggling nonprofit agencies can afford to pay toward a salary (often nothing or very little) with donor dollars, and importantly, providing significant, nurturing support for workers undertaking the important work of feeding, clothing and sheltering the neediest – providing a way off the streets and back into homes, jobs and meaningful community for some of the most vulnerable populations in Seattle. In 2012, 65 Companis Workers served 40 nonprofit agencies and ministries and provided a value of \$1.6 million.

Companis has a track record of success. Since our founding in 1994 as a ministry of Seattle First Baptist Church (SFBC) and with seed money from ABC USA World Relief Committee, we've made a difference in the lives of the poor, the suffering and the sick. Companis, although now a separate 501(c)3, remains in partnership with SFBC, which supplies free office space and contributes an additional \$42,000 to our annual budget. The Rev. Craig Darling, Pastor for Vocation & Call at Seattle First Baptist, serves as Executive Director of Companis.

Indeed, Companis' partnership with Mary's Place, Seattle's only overnight shelter for homeless women and children, started with a call from Seattle First Baptist Church. The church was aware of a homeless shelter for women in desperate need of help. Could Companis provide any?

Mary's Place Director Marty Hartman was frustrated seeing her clients return to dangerous streets at night. When a hoped-for city grant didn't come through just as she was expanding the day shelter to overnight use, she put her hopes in Companis. Companis responded quickly with the placements of workers Alyson Moon, MSW, and Betty Reid, a retiree and member of SFBC. In particular, Companis Workers are helping the shelter's growing population of homeless elderly women, a vulnerable group hit hard by the recession and in need of specialized services to rebuild their lives. (And because this need has been so great in the Seattle area, Companis also placed two other workers, another MSW and a volunteer coordinator, at a day shelter for homeless women in 2012-13.) Our funding commitments expire in July, and we are raising funds so that we can continue to help meet the need.

Our program is a great match with the Matthew 25 Grant because our workers are directly involved in services that offer the poor a helping hand from the streets and into stable lives, services that won't continue at current levels if Companis cannot meet this need. Your \$5,000 grant would extend Companis dollars already pledged and to-be-pledged by our generous individual donors. We also are seeking corporate underwriting for this project, and believe this grant will stimulate corporate donors by demonstrating significant progress towards our goal of raising \$36,800 to continue the MSW position.

Money talks, but so do heart and soul. With our commitment to "action and reflection," Companis works to create an ever-growing community of those who work for the less fortunate. Our workers attend twice-monthly, facilitated meetings that serve to inspire and nurture, attend several day-long and multi-day retreats over the course of the year, and are intentionally connected to community resources and experts in areas pertinent to their placements. As fellowship and resilience develops over the course of the placement year, our workers are enabled to find resources and to sustain the compassion necessary to engage with often difficult populations. Betty calls her service at Mary's Place "a dream come true." For Alyson, new to Seattle, it's a way to relaunch a career. For the women of Mary's Place, Betty and Alyson are gifts beyond measure. With your help, Companis will continue to give this gift.



## Companis Mission Statement

Companis fills staffing gaps of nonprofit agencies with professional volunteer and community workers who provide medical care, food, shelter, education and more to the neediest among us. Companis is often called "Seattle's Peace Corps," because we strengthen agency partners while creating a corps of citizens working for justice among our neighbors.

**COMPANIS  
INCOME & EXPENSES REPORT  
31-Dec-12**

FINANCIAL REPORT  
Jan. 17, 2013

2012

INCOME:

FAMILY TRUST DONATION	67,751
SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST DONATION	42,000
AGENCY DONATIONS	123,707
GRANTS	41,600
FUND RAISING	115,888
INTEREST & GAIN/LOSS ON STOCK SALES	(23)
TOTAL	<u>390,923</u>

EXPENSES:

COMPANIS WORKERS

WORKER EXPENSES & AGENCY SUPPORT	107,538
SUB-TOTAL	<u>107,538</u>

COMMUNITY LIFE

RECRUITMENT OF COMPANIS WORKERS	105
WORKER MEETINGS	3,554
WORKER RETREATS & TRAINING	9,559
CONSULTANTS/CONTRACTED SERVICES	2,262
BOARD/STAFF GATHERINGS	3,823
SUB-TOTAL	<u>19,303</u>

OUTSIDE COMMUNITY RESOURCES

RECRUITMENT OF AGENCIES	831
PR FOR COMMUNITY	5,467
SUB-TOTAL	<u>6,298</u>

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

STAFF SALARIES	170,434
ED & ASSOC ED TRANS/TRAVEL	1,637
ACCOUNTING SERVICES	3,030
TELEPHONE/UTILITIES	3,376
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,894
PRINTING	2,650
POSTAGE	1,628
TAXES,FEES,LICENSES	5,304
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	-
FUND DEVELOPMENT EVENTS	1,054
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	1,606
SUB-TOTAL	<u>192,613</u>

TOTAL

325,752



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February 27, 2013

Beth Fogg  
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Dear Ms. Fogg and the Matthew 25 Grant Committee,

I am thrilled to send this letter endorsing the Companis Mission Workers Association's application for the Mathew 25 grant administered by American Baptist Churches USA, because it gives me the chance to honor this wonderful organization for the amazing work it has done in this region for the past 19 years.

Since Companis began as a project of Seattle First Baptist Church with a seed grant from American Baptist Churches USA, I have watched this organization send hundreds of professionals into service in the community. One of the things I like best is that it helps the agencies that American Baptists really care about and uses the resources of our own church members and others who we recruit to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Companis does the work that changes lives – getting shelter to the homeless, jobs for the “unemployable,” health care to those who can't afford it, recovery resources for those struggling to return to productive life, and quality, affordable childcare for parents.

This grant represents a significant portion of the amount needed to put a Companis professional to work in the community. I am always proud to be able to claim Companis as a ministry of our denomination and even more proud that we birthed this organization in an American Baptist congregation.

Grace and peace,

Marcia J. Patton