

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: Barnabas House Homeless Shelter and Services

Affiliation with ABCUSA: Validated NYS ABC Ministry, and Auxiliary Ministry of Lifeway Community Church of North Bangor, NY (ABC, North Country Association)

Address: P.O. Box 495, Malone NY, 12953

Phone: (518) 521-3234 Federal Tax ID#: 27-2307539

Contact person: Pastor Joe Selenski email: lifeway@localnet.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: This particular project, recently launched, (5 months) should cost \$12,000.00 its first year of full operation. Future years will vary with \$12,000.00 Being essential to facilitate the year's program. We expect to serve 40 clients in this years operation. Increased funding will facilitate proportionate increases in homeless client/consumers served.

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

6. Your other funding source(s): Lifeway Community Church, \$2000.00, Community Giving, \$5000.00

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) Joe Selenski Date 2/25/13

Printed Name/Title: Joe Selenski, Barnabas House Homeless Shelter and Services 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
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Rec'd 2/28/13



**A Supportive Housing Network Serving
Franklin & St. Lawrence Counties**

Barnabas House, a Validated ABC Ministry and the principle Auxiliary Ministry of Lifeway Community Church (North Country ABC, NYS) has been in full operation for over seven years and has served thousands through direct homeless services and preventative services. Barnabas House serves a three county rural area, and is the only full service, full time shelter in this North Country Area.

Our goal is not only to offer compassionate care and support to families and individuals in emergency need, but to add to the local coalition effort to **decrease incidents of homelessness** and to help those who find themselves in a "near" homeless situation, before more intense and debilitating damage is done in their lives. As an ABC Ministry we focus much of our effort in our voluntary participation, Christian, faith based component, but do so respecting individuals free will, avoiding any direct compulsion or mandatory enlisting. Our newest Homelessness Intervention Strategy is our **"WORKER READY"** program. Funds requested will help us continue to build the foundation for this recently initiated experimental empowerment program.

"WORKER READY" Is a recently (5 months in operation) designed empowerment vs. entitlement program that helps place homeless or near homeless individuals into the local job market, with enough preparation taken in an intense five week basic work ethics, living skills training segment. This enables individuals to stay in their new paying work positions. We have found a short program with intense mentor provided on the job ethics and living skills instruction to be more beneficial than actual "work skills training in this particular population. Our research has shown many in this homeless or near homeless life position lose jobs quickly even if they can learn the skills needed. The reason is normally a poor understanding and practice of social skills such as: getting along with others, annoying and unpleasant poor hygiene habits, job reliability (being on time, working all hours, etc.) along with all other aspects regarding attitude and general work ethics.

WORKER READY provides **One week** of emotional stabilization mentoring, crisis and regular counseling opportunities, and an orientation class for readiness for the rest of the programs agenda, and personal criteria needed for their certification and actual job placement approval. The **following two weeks** deal primarily with work sensitivity/relations training, social skills development, and basic living skills with emphasis on acceptable hygiene needs. **Weeks four and five** are actual volunteer, highly structured, accountable and supervised volunteer full time, job placements, working with church leaders who provide ministry services such as repairing cars for single moms, building homes with Habitat for Humanity, parks and road clean up, food distribution, woodland trail development, etc. Clients who complete the entire program are graded and those attaining passing scores are given an accreditation letter and are placed on wait lists with the fourteen local employers now enlisted in our program. If accredited the clients will soon receive a work position, and the employer gives them preference. Employers when requested also will be reimbursed for the salary for clients first week of work, up to \$300.00. Thus we have two incentives for our clients hire, a credible program completion and the coverage of the first weeks pay. Our success rate is about 80% keeping their jobs long term and 40% of the first weeks stipends has been donated back to us by satisfied employers. This is mostly a volunteer driven program with great cost effectiveness. We are sure our clients gain financial sustainability along with a self esteem lift that has proven to greatly reduce likelihood of repeated homeless situations. We greatly appreciate your consideration in funding this program enabling us to secure a stronger operating foundation.



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BARNABAS HOUSE HOMELESS SHELTER AND SERVICES

Mission Statement:

Barnabas House's mission is to be a community partnership that transforms lives by providing meals for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, & services to support people in the prevention of homelessness, and to do so without regard to race, creed, color, sexual identification, gender or religious/non-religious backgrounds. Barnabas House is affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA. Though our efforts are strongly motivated in and through our love of Jesus, all participation in our Faith Based Components are voluntary and offered without compulsion.

What We Do:

We shelter up to 6-12 people nightly, provide thousands of meals yearly, laundry services, clothing, referral and support services including assisting case management, crisis intervention counseling, job and life skills training, referral services, summer homeless camper relief and emergency homelessness prevention services.

What Our Goal Is:

Providing for basic needs including shelter, meals, clothing, in a safe and personally accountable environment while helping our homeless guests develop the skills needed to gain employment, achieve independence, and re-integrate into the community.

Our ultimate goal is to end homelessness one person at a time, to prevent chronic homelessness, reduce the amount of time involved in any particular homeless incident and to make the North Country Communities aware of the issues effecting rural homelessness.

Why We Do It:

The motivation for serving the homeless and others in need, is our foundational faith in, and practical life application of, the teachings of Jesus Christ. That said, Barnabas House has no mandatory faith centered components, any faith based offerings are optional and presented for choice without any undue influence.

BARNABAS HOUSE HOMELESS SHELTER AND SERVICES
Annual Financial Report (for year 2012-13)
Prepared by Audit Committee: Juan Rivera, Chairman

	PROJECTED EXPENSES 2013	ACTUAL 2012
HEAT-FUEL/MAINT.	\$4800.00	\$4480.00
BUILDING REPAIRS	600.00	1760.00
ELECTRIC	2400.00	2370.00
LIVING SKILLS	1200.00	1200.00
MILEAGE (AUTO)	1200.00	1200.00
EDUC. EXPENSES	500.00	490.00
MAINTENANCE	1900.00	1850.00
ON CALL EXP.S	500.00	500.00
TELEPHONE/NET	2400.00	2380.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	450.00	450.00
PUBLIC RELATIONS	500.00	500.00
CLEANING	600.00	600.00
WORKSHOP & STOR.	.00	2100.00
FOOD & SUPPLIES	6500.00	6470.00
FURN.& EQUIP.	1400.00	1320.00
DIRECT CLIENT	4000.00	3880.00

SNOWPLOWING	1200.00	1200.00
GARBAGE REMOVAL	600.00	600.00
OVERFLOW ROOMS	2000.00	1900.00
VOLUNTEER EXP.S	1000.00*	960.00
SECURITY/SAFETY	500.00	500.00
EMERG. MEDICAL	1500.00	1470.00
WATER/SEWER	360.00	720.00
ADMIN. STIPEND	3000.00	3000.00
INSURANCE	4400.00	4330.00
ENTRY CONSTR.	1200. 00	1150.00
WASHER/DRYER	00.	1190.00
COMPUTER/SOFTW.	00.	970.00
PREVENT. ASSIST.	3500.00	3450.00
	\$47,010.00	\$55,420.00

*Our newest program segment, "WORKER READY" is being audited by separate accounting measure until fully operational and has verifiable results. This program has been in operation only a few months, with expectations to operate through a year's time with a minimal budget of \$12,000. Full accounting will be included in next year's annual report, and each year afterwards. Separate campaigns will provide new fundraising opportunities. We are currently funded for about six months.

BARNABAS HOUSE...	2013 PROJECTED INCOME	ACTUAL 2012
FRANKLIN COUNTY S.S.	\$9500.00	8490.00
GRANTS	2000.00	2000.00
KMART COLLECTION/COM	2000.00	2000.00
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS	10000.00	10000.00
ABC LINE CREDIT	10000.00	5000.00
LIFEWAY GIFTS	4000.00	7000.00
NFFCU GIFT	8000.00	15000.00
CHURCHES/BUSINESS	<u>9700.00</u>	<u>7790.00</u>
	\$55,200.00	\$57,280.00

ACCOUNTS BALANCE. DEC.30,2012 \$860.00

Per client/consumer efficiency: 190 Sheltered at average cost \$259.00 per person.

Per client/consumer efficiency: 200 receiving Preventative Services, \$126.00 average cost per person.

85% rate for Client/Consumer Success after receiving services. (Success indicated by moving out or leaving Preventative services Component with projected self sufficiency ability for at least three months.)