

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 Tuxedo Park Baptist Church
 Affiliation with ABCUSA member of Greater Indpls. Region
 Address 29 N. Grant Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46201
 Phone 317-357-8087 Federal Tax ID# 35-0883495
 Contact person Jan Jackson email jmjackson815@sbcglobal.net
 cell # 317-313-7526

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 \$6,900 for 1 year

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

6. Your other funding source(s) individual donors and mission money

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) Janet Jackson Date 8-19-13
 Printed Name/Title Janet Jackson, Missions Ministries Staff

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



Tuxedo Park Baptist Church is located in the near Eastside of Indianapolis, Indiana. We are a small congregation of about 85 people in the middle of the worst part of Indy with robbery, prostitution, and drug activity being about 500 incidents each month within a mile radius of the church. We don't give up; our faith is strong and God is working miracles around us and through us all the time. We give all we possibly can and welcome everybody with open arms as they are, because we believe people deserve a second chance.

Our program is called "Bread N Word" because we feed the less fortunate in the community physically and spiritually every Thursday night. We serve 80 households each month at the Food Pantry. We are spending approximately \$300 each month to supplement foods in the Pantry. This is primarily at Gleaner's Food Bank and Aldi's Food stores. We get bread and one monthly "load out" at Midwest Food Bank at no cost. We try to have hygiene bags available in the Clothing Closet consisting of: soaps, toothpaste, toothbrush, razors, hair products, and other items, along with a Scripture card. These items must be purchased unless we can get them donated by individuals. We serve 40 families each month, with a cost of approximately \$275. Our weekly meal is served with 90% of the food donated through several catering companies. We serve between 60 and 80 meals each week. It takes a minimum of 15 volunteers to work each Thursday night, between the hours of 5 to 7 p.m. Of course some of us come to cook earlier in the day.

We have active Boy and Girl Scout programs and 3 AA groups meeting weekly at our church.

This grant would allow us to spend about \$415 each month to help the less fortunate in our community. The Missions Ministries makes up the difference, but our funding is minimal. If approved, we can continue our program and reach further into the community. Everything helps these days with how tight money has become. We always know our Heavenly Father will provide and has a plan for us. We feel we are a bridge that the community uses to cross over from poverty to self-sufficiency, giving them food and clothing to keep them from being totally homeless. We offer prayer support, and all are invited to our Sunday worship service. The money from this grant will be put to great use for the community on the near Eastside of Indianapolis. Thank you for your consideration of our program.

TUXEDO PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
MISSION STATEMENT

We are called to serve God by winning the world for Christ through the Word by training leaders and reaching out to meet the spiritual, physical, and social needs of the community.

VISION STATEMENT

"The Year of Building Relationships through Unity and Spiritual Growth"

Tuxedo Park Baptist is a church that W.I.N.S.!

Worships

Invides

Nurtures

Sends

(These are the four core areas we plan our yearly goals around and focus our resources on to grow our members and seek new believers, while working to better our neighborhood and our community.)