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General Information:

Organization Name Vick and Pathfinder Camp and Conference Ministries

Affiliation with ABCUSA A recognized mission of ABC/NYS providing American Baptist Camping for the regions of New York State

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Contact person Rev. Dr. John R. Buskey, C.E.O. email John@vpccministries.org

Please submit with your application a copy of:

Your mission statement See Article 2 of enclosure, "Purpose."

Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement

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.)

Total cost of the project \$10,000

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

Your other funding source(s) Mission's Dollars from churches and ABC.NYS. We also receive half of our operating costs from donations of individuals who believe in our ministry.

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) John R. Buskey Date 2-26-12

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Name/Title John R. Buskey CEO

Rec'd 2/28/13

We plan on utilizing the funds to specifically invite and encourage children who are in poverty circumstances to attend a week of summer camp. This will give these children an opportunity to step out of their environment, be surrounded by people who care for them, and allow them experiences they may not be able to receive due to their circumstances. During this week, children and teenagers will learn new skills, be taught leadership tools, given an opportunity to make new relationships, and have an opportunity to hear the gospel message that God loves us, cares for us and desires a lifelong relationship with us.

We have seen in the past that these opportunities have allowed children and teens to be aware of ways they can break the cycle of poverty. We have seen where some of those who are able to attend a summer camp experience have later been involved with our more in depth leadership training and have been on staff, often entering into full time ministry. And that the relationships built have afforded opportunities of those struggling in poverty to see beyond circumstances that are uncontrollable, into making opportunities that they have control over.

We would be able to fund this experience for 16 children and teens if given the grant. Thus enabling us to make a difference for many of our churches that are working year round with these children and teens in discipleship and life skills ministry. It would make for a partnership that would strengthen the relationship between our churches in the trenches of ministry and the larger church family.

While we already do this at one level, since we never turn away anyone due to financial need, this would allow us to specifically target and invite churches to send children, who often do not ask because they know of the financial strain it places on the camping ministry.

How does this specifically battle poverty and its effects on individuals? It allows for a sense of hope, a new way of looking at life, a glimpse that things can be different. It connects the children and teens with a group of caring adults and other children. It gives a week of relief, not having to worry about where you will find your next meal. It offers opportunities for change beyond what can be measured and quantified.

If we are a grant recipient, we will commit ourselves to finding a total of 20 children and teens who are living in poverty, whether from inner city, but focusing as well on those living in rural areas, who often do not have access to programs such as fresh air, and bring them to a week of summer camp fully scholar-shipped. We will also seek assistance from the state prison chaplains, to find if any children of inmates would benefit from a week away at camp.

Last year, we gave just over \$30,000 of unsubsidized camping to children who couldn't afford it. If we are to keep this level up, we need to find ways of subsidizing those who are unable to pay for camp. It is within our plans to offer even more to those who cannot afford camp by specifically inviting those who are in poverty. This grant would allow us to partially defray some of the cost, and would propel us into reaching groups we have not contacted in the past.

BYLAWS OF
Vick and Pathfinder CAMP and CONFERENCE MINISTRIES
also known as VPCC MINISTRIES
A New York Not-for-Profit Charitable Corporation

ARTICLE 1
NAME AND OFFICES

SECTION 1. NAME

The name of the corporation shall be the Vick and Pathfinder Camp and Conference Ministries, also known as VPCC Ministries (the Corporation).

SECTION 2. PRINCIPAL OFFICES

The principal office of the corporation for the transaction of its business is located in Onondaga County, New York or such other place as the Board of Directors (the "Board") may determine.

ARTICLE 2
PURPOSE

The primary objectives and purposes of this corporation shall be:

This corporation will be a Camp and Conference ministry relating to the American Baptist Churches. To provide a safe environment in which to bring people of all ages into a vital, living relationship with Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior. We will do this by introducing people to Jesus and equipping them to grow spiritually and to minister to their world.

ARTICLE 3
MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have no members.

ARTICLE 4
DIRECTORS

SECTION 3.1 NUMBERS

The corporation shall have no fewer than seven (7) and no more than twelve (12) directors, with the exact number to be fixed within these limits by approval of the Board of Directors in the manner provided in these Bylaws, and collectively they shall be known as the Board of Directors. The above numbers may be changed by amendment of this Bylaw, or by repeal of this Bylaw and adoption of a new Bylaw, as provided in these Bylaws. No fewer than 70% of the directors rounded up to the nearest whole person must be active members in American Baptist Churches.

Vick and Pathfinder Camp and Conference Ministries
Statement of Financial Income and Expense
 January through December 2012

	Seasonal	Year Round	Unclassified	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
42200-4 · Whitesboro	0.00	0.00	8,685.00	8,685.00
41-V · Vick Income	0.00	0.00	17,831.53	17,831.53
41-P · Pathfinder Income	0.00	0.00	51,418.28	51,418.28
40800 · Misc. Interest Income	0.00	0.00	60.49	60.49
42000 · Transferred Income	0.00	0.00	31,029.15	31,029.15
41400 · Scholarships	0.00	0.00	4,208.41	4,208.41
42200-6 · Regional Support	0.00	0.00	37,500.00	37,500.00
40000 · Interest Savings	0.00	0.00	179.33	179.33
46100 · Designated Giving	0.00	0.00	23,344.00	23,344.00
49500 · Donations	0.00	0.00	68,216.64	68,216.64
Total Income	0.00	0.00	242,472.83	242,472.83
Expense				
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.00	1,841.05	1,841.05
66000-m · Housing Allowance	0.00	9,230.79	0.00	9,230.79
71000 · International Staff Camp Americ	0.00	0.00	3,276.75	3,276.75
69800 · Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
600 · Discounts	0.00	0.00	185.00	185.00
61800 · Training	0.00	0.00	1,292.26	1,292.26
60000 · Advertising and Promotion	0.00	0.00	1,980.85	1,980.85
60200 · Vehicles Expense	0.00	0.00	10,448.58	10,448.58
60400 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00	673.45	673.45
62500 · Dues, Professional and Subscri	0.00	0.00	949.00	949.00
63300 · Insurance Expense	0.00	0.00	35,912.00	35,912.00
64600 · Ministry Expenses	0.00	0.00	2,508.77	2,508.77
64900 · Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	2,915.32	2,915.32
66000 · Payroll Expenses	52,144.98	33,037.88	18,956.29	104,139.15
68100 · Health Insurance	0.00	0.00	9,060.50	9,060.50
66500 · Postage and Delivery	0.00	0.00	2,449.95	2,449.95
66600 · Printing and Reproduction	0.00	0.00	5,256.24	5,256.24
66700 · Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	1,755.10	1,755.10
66800 · Store	0.00	0.00	7,865.67	7,865.67
67100 · Program	0.00	0.00	6,575.26	6,575.26
67200 · Maintenance	0.00	0.00	40,920.94	40,920.94
67800 · Groceries	0.00	0.00	22,072.55	22,072.55
68600 · Utilities	0.00	0.00	16,341.29	16,341.29
69000 · DOH	0.00	0.00	439.00	439.00
69500 · Background Checks	0.00	0.00	99.20	99.20
70000 · Misc.	0.00	0.00	-2.54	-2.54
Total Expense	52,144.98	42,268.67	194,072.48	288,486.13
Net Ordinary Income	-52,144.98	-42,268.67	48,400.35	-46,013.30
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
80000 · Ask My Accountant	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	-500.00	-500.00
Net Income	-52,144.98	-42,268.67	47,900.35	-46,513.30