

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

An anonymous 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 regards 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 this donor continues to make donations. Recipients will be selected largely based on the degree to which the funds will be used to directly assist those in poverty. Applicants must be in relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply.

1. General Information:

Organization Name_Dominican Republic Mission Team

Affiliation with ABCUSA__First Baptist Church Wallingford CT, home church for mission work

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Contact person__John Powers

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2. Please submit with your application a copy of: see enclosed
- 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__\$30,000._____
5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant__\$5,000_____
6. Your other funding source(s)___fundraising, donations, future grant applications_____

I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that if a grant is awarded, we will use the funds for the purpose stated.

__Aimee Powers, Dir. Fulfilling Smiles_____

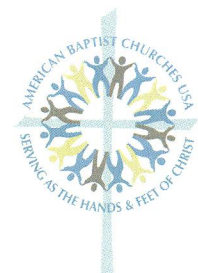
Name/Title

Aimee Powers

Date January 22, 2013

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.



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Date: January 22, 2013

Church: First Baptist Church Wallingford, CT

Organization: Dominican Republic Mission Team

Project: Fulfilling Smiles

DR Mission Team Leader: John Powers

Fulfilling Smiles Director: Aimee Powers

Our church has been serving the DR for over 20 yrs. We initiated a food program 5 years ago to complement what we were already doing (evangelism, water filters, construction of schools, churches and homes, teaching). Fulfilling Smiles, our food program, packages up parcels of non-perishable food and hand delivers to homes in the rural sugar cane villages (bateys). Having done this for 5 years, spending \$5-8,000 each year, we are ready to move toward our next phase which is to develop a sustainable food program.

Our vision is to have regional farms central to 4-6 bateys where animals can be raised, and natives can be taught farming skills for both animals and vegetation. This next chapter of our work will need to be done in stages. The first stage will be to purchase livestock. We are requesting \$5,000 to purchase chickens, goats and pigs and provide teaching to villages for proper care of animals for growth and as a food source.

Fulfilling Smiles has made a difference thus far in that it provides hope to the hopeless, it has motivated other groups who serve in short term missions in the area to distribute food as well and it has proved to be life saving at times. Unfortunately, our help at present is temporary. The farm vision will provide a much more sustainable source of food and income through microbusiness opportunities to these people.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimee Powers

Dir. Fulfilling Smiles



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Mission Statements

Dominican Republic Mission Team

The mission of the Dominican Republic Mission Team is to bring hope, healing, and help to the very poor in bateyes and barrios of La Romana, Dominican Republic. This includes raising awareness and funding, providing the means for the very poor to improve their living conditions, and leading large annual mission trips to work directly with the very poor in La Romana. More information may be found at drmissionteam.org.

Fulfilling Smiles

"For I was hungry and you gave me food." Matthew 25:35

Fulfilling Smiles, a ministry of the DR Mission Team, offers a unique opportunity to help solve the problem of hunger and starvation in one of the poorest areas of the world. Over the last several years, Fulfilling Smiles has provided several weeks of meals to each family in a variety of bateyes in the La Romana, DR region. Plans are underway to develop sustainable food programs to address long-term hunger issues, and the initial proposal will purchase a small farm near several bateyes and that will provide animals for families in the bateyes. This will not only help erase hunger in these bateyes but also provide micro-business opportunities for many. This will enable Fulfilling Smiles to meet its mission of providing for the immediate needs of these families as well as opportunities and education they need to sustain themselves nutritionally.



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Dominican Republic Mission Team Financial Summary – 2011

Opening Balance - January 1, 2011 = \$35,332

Closing Balance – December 31, 2011 = \$41,623

Money in during 2011 = \$186,354

Money out during 2011 = \$175,999

Notable Events/Transactions during 2011

- DR Fundraiser at Sheehan High School on March 5 - \$27,637 gross (\$25,488 net), including \$6,977 for special projects of DRMT (see below)

- 83 people traveled with our group to La Romana, DR in July:

- Total income from groups = \$130,741

- Total expenses from groups = \$122,471

(balance is reflected in supporting programs below and other initiatives to help poor):

- Direct assistance to Good Samaritan Hospital and poor = \$1,000
- Construction supplies for water filters, hospital, school, house in San Pedro, etc = \$12,600
- Fulfilling Smiles = \$8,000 raised to provide food for 600+ families
 - Fifty for 50=\$8,400 to build two new houses on Batey 50
- shipping of donated bus for the mission = \$4,360 for shipping, delivery, etc.
- Batey Adoptions by individuals/families in our church = \$2,000
- Meds for remote medical clinics (valued at \$96,000) = \$3,000
 - Deposits with airlines for 2012 trips = \$11,500