

## 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." A panel will select recipients for grants of up to \$5,000 largely based on the degree to which the funds will be used to *directly assist persons in poverty*. Ministries must be in a direct relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or Region will be considered per 12 month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or Region, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information  
Church or Region: Lake Avenue Memorial Baptist Church  
Region Affiliation with ABCUSA: ABCRGR  
Ministry or Group receiving these funds: Refugee Tutoring Program  
Mailing Address: 72 Ambrose Street, Rochester, NY, 14608  
Phone: 585-458-5765  
Contact person: Rev. Dr. Michael Ford  
Federal Tax ID#: 16-0743042  
Email: revmichaelford@gmail.com
2. Please submit with your application a copy of:
  - Your mission statement.
  - A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY. This can be a budget or projected budget, and should not exceed 2 pages. Church budgets are not acceptable.
3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?  
Please see attached.
4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?  
Please see attached
5. Total cost of the project: \$4000.00
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$3000.00
7. Your other funding source(s): Special offerings, individual donations, mission budget

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/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by: Rev. Dr. Michael Ford

Date: February 25, 2016

### 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; September 1 for grants distributed on October 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to [Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

See the following information and instructions for more details.

### 3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

All funds will be used to supplement our existing Refugee Tutoring Program conducted in partnership with the Maplewood Library. In particular, funds will be used for two purposes.

First, funds will be used to purchase any additional materials needed for weekly English classes, including teacher's manuals, printed copies of textbooks, handouts, or student booklets. On occasion, maps, graphics, and audio/video materials may be acquired.

Second, funds will be used to help fund the experiential education component of the program. The Refugee Tutoring Program offers bi-weekly or monthly field trips to various locations within the greater Rochester areas. These field trips have included the Susan B. Anthony House, the Zoo, bus terminal, local farms and parks. The purpose of these trips is to provide a connection between the content and the application of the materials being studied. Further, the intent is to expose students (and their children) to the available resources within the community (educational, cultural, environmental etc.) Collectively these field trips expand the learning opportunities of the students.

The funds for field trips will be used for travel expenses (gas for a church van or, if needed a rental van), admission rates (though always discounted for educational purposes), and snacks when necessary.

### 4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

Funds will assist individuals battling poverty in a number of ways. First, the Refugee Tutoring Program provides English language instruction that is vital for employment and daily functioning within the North American context. Second, the program provides a social environment to assist with minimizing social isolation amongst refugees. Third, the field trip component educates students and their children about educational, cultural, and environment opportunities within in the community. When students become aware of the resources available within the community and have an opportunity to experience these resources themselves they are more likely to share about them and to make them available to the broader community.

Ultimately, the program is intended to educate students in a more holistic manner, preparing them for school, work, and participation within in the Rochester community and beyond. These opportunities help those in poverty move from dependence to independence.

by helping to teach the English language which can lead to better educational and employment opportunities. Field trips expose parents and children to educational opportunities within and beyond the communities in which they live. These experiences contribute to overall knowledge of the community and resources within it.

## 2. Mission Statement

The Lake Avenue Baptist Church Mission Statement is:

We serve God by serving others through inspirational worship, creative Christian education, significant mission engagement and faithful care of all our resources.

Financial Statement for this ministry

2015-2016 Projected budget

Class Materials - \$500.00

Field Trip Expenses – \$2685.00 see attached (please note the field trips in this budget are based on 2015 trips and will likely be replicated in 2015-2016 dependent on finances and program availability – subject to change as needs arise)

Travel/Van related expenses - \$500.00

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Month	Place	Admission	Mileage
January	Planetarium	Adults \$17 Seniors and College Students with ID \$15.00 Ages 3-18 \$14.00	9 miles return*
February	Rochester Museum and Science Center	Adults \$13.00 Seniors/College \$12.00 Children under 3 Free	9 miles return
March	Helmer Nature Center to see maple sugaring	None	9.8 miles return
April	Highland Park Conservatory	Adults \$3.00	10 miles return
May	Charlotte Lighthouse	Adults \$3.00 Children 17 and Under Free	10.6 miles return
June	Ontario Beach Park	none	11.4 miles return
July	Genesee Country Museum	Adult \$16.50 Seniors \$13.50 Student \$13.50 Youth 4-16 \$10.50 Children under 3 free	46.2 miles return
August	Lollipop Farm	none	35.8 miles return
September	Seneca Park Zoo	Adults \$11.00 Seniors \$10.00 Youth 3-11 \$8.00 Children under 2 free	6.2 miles



Month	Place	Admission	Mileage
October	Memorial Art Gallery	Adults \$12.00 Seniors \$8.00 Children under 5 free	8 miles return
November	George Eastman House	Adults \$14.00 Seniors \$12.00 Students \$5.00 Children under 12 free	9.6 miles return
December	Highland Park Conservatory	None	10 miles return
Total		**\$2685.00	175.6 miles

\*All mileage estimates include transportation from Maplewood Library to destination and return (does not include mileage for pick up at homes when necessary, or drop off to homes or other destinations)

\*\*For calculation purposes we have provided an estimate for 30 and 15 children (including volunteers and participants) (numbers fluctuate so widely it is impossible to estimate exactly); note that there have been some trips in the past year where there were 40 adults and then 15-20 children – no children costs have been estimated in the numbers above