

## 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: New Hope Academy

Affiliation with ABCUSA: New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of DeKalb

Address: 1201 Twombly, DeKalb, Illinois 60115

Phone: 815-756-7906 Federal Tax ID#36-3567251

Contact person: Brenda Donley email: [www.NewHopeofDeKalb.org](http://www.NewHopeofDeKalb.org)

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement: Please see attached
- Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement: Please see attached.

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.) Please see attached.

4. Total cost of the project: \$7,000

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

6. Your other funding source(s): New Hope, Private Donors, Major Fundraising events and activities.

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):  Date: January 26, 2013

Printed Name/Title: Brenda Donley, Director of Community Education

**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](mailto:Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org)



February 27, 2013

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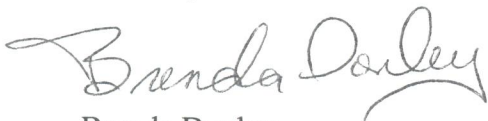
Dear Beth Fogg and Grant Committee:

On behalf of the New Hope Academy, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit this grant application to fund the New Hope Academy's purchase of a Smart Board, installation, and projector. We also intend to purchase a laptop computer for the use of our Academy participants to extend and broaden our current program. Our plan is to continue to improve the reading, math, science Spanish, music appreciation and sign language skills of the participants.

It is with much respect that New Hope Academy is requesting a grant in the sum of \$5000 to help purchase a Smart Board, installation, and projector. We believe that the New Hope Academy will successfully continue to achieve exceptional levels of improvement in the academic, chess, piano and gardening skills. Also we will strive to give our youth an opportunity to experience creative learning in and outside of school, and strengthen their cultural awareness. New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of DeKalb, Illinois has committed to allotted funds that will provide supplies, books, materials, and food for each planned lesson and activity of the youth participants. Also, the church will continue to provide utilities, research materials, photocopying, as well as transportation. Your support would give us the funds to purchase the Smart Board, installation and projector.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your consideration. Enclosed you will find New Hope Academy's proposal and all the required attachments. I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions about this project, please feel free to phone me at (773)970-2132.

Sincerely,



Brenda Donley,  
Director of Community Education  
New Hope Academy

*Rec'd 3/4/13*

**Target population served:**

Poverty stricken and at risk families that lack the resources to provide one-on-one, small groups instruction, computers and other technology to assist their children's educational needs.

**Specific Purpose of Funds Requested:**

Purchase a Smart Board, Installation, and Projector to assist impoverished and underserved children to reach their academic standards and goals. Also, the children will experience the cultural diversity and character development in the community and internationally due to the excess of the internet and high technology.

**Expected Benefits and Outcomes of the Project:**

The students will master the skills of basic fundamental academics, motor and social skills, chess, piano, gardening, choir, drama, computer literacy and character development. The expected outcome will be that the participating students will show an increase in their academics for the 2012 -2013 school years and thereafter. The students of the Academy have begun to meet their goal to make the honor roll for not just a semester or two but for the entire year. This modified behavior will continue to improve. This is the first for some of the children. The Academy will be able to provide the classes the best education with adequate accommodations where they will be able to utilize the various academic programs, both computerized and non-computerized effectively. The children will continue to exhibit improved behavior. The project will help develop assets in various ways. The children will have a boost in self-esteem because they will have their own classroom with adequate seating facilities, every one having their own space. The New Hope Academy will provide a creative learning experience for the students, promote healthy interactions with their teacher and each other, enhance the student's social and leaderships skills, create opportunities for the youth to give back to the community and strengthen their cultural awareness. The children will become great leaders and philanthropist at a very young age. Lastly, interaction with their peers will ignite excitement, enjoyment and challenge the children to learn the upcoming new skills and reach heightened plateaus and think beyond their circumstances.



### **Mission Statement**

The New Hope Academy supports and serves the children, parents, and educational community of DeKalb County. The Academy will empower youth through interactive teaching. We commit ourselves to welcoming and accepting all people, nurturing academic and social development, and providing love and support for everyone. We provide the means for everyone to achieve and grow as an accomplished individual through the Academy's effort.

## HISTORY

Mrs. Brenda J. Donley of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church located in DeKalb, Illinois launched New Hope Youth Academy on June 22, 2010. Academy began by serving 18 students during the summer program, and by the summer's end we had actually serviced 41 students. The children were provided with tutoring to improve their reading and math skills. Each student was served a meal and later a snack at every session. The Academy has grown and presently serves approximately 300 children and adults annually. We now operate year around. The New Hope Youth Academy has since changed the name to: New Hope Academy.

New Hope Academy's curriculum initially included reading, math and the components of character development. Presently the curriculum includes the following: Reading, Math, English Composition, Chess, Gardening, Nutrition, Philanthropy, Exercise, Piano, Drums, Advanced - Individualized Tutoring in Writing and Math, Sign Language I, Test Preparation (ACT, Basic skills, and the ~~GED~~ US & State Constitutions), Leadership and Career Preparation, Character Development components, and Hair Styling I for Girls. The resulting accomplishments of New Hope Academy include improvements in the children's reading and math assessment scores, social behaviors which include problem solving techniques, and conflict resolution. Consequently student's modified behavior has resulted in fewer disciplinary actions, with no expulsions. Also noteworthy are, several of the children have achieved honor roll status beyond single quarters, and would maintained such status throughout entire year.

Since its conception the Teaching Staff for New Hope Academy has been both dedicated and loyal. In the history of the Academy the Staff has been 100% volunteers, with the exception of one summer in 2011. However, we're now again at 100%. At the end of each year the Academy celebrate the students, and Teaching Staff for all of their hard work, and contribution of time and help that continue to make New Hope Academy a success year after year. The entire New Hope Missionary Church and the DeKalb County community have supported the efforts of the Academy with monetary funds as well as time, energy and effort, for without which we would not survive.



New Hope Missionary Baptist Church					
	Income Source	Projected 2012 Income	Projected 2013 Income		
	Tithes and Offerings	\$ 282,505	\$ 262,530		
	General Fund				
	Income Source Sub-Total	\$ 282,505	\$ 262,530		
	Anniversary Activities	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		
	Other Activities	\$ 500	\$ 500		
	Fundraising Sub-Total	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 284,005	\$ 264,030		

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<b>2013 APPROVED BUDGET</b>		
<b>Items</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Salaries</b>		
Assistant Pastor	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Associate Ministers	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Musician (1)	\$ 18,200.00	\$ 18,200.00
Musician (2)	\$ -	
Guest Ministers	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Treasurer	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
Administrative Asst.	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
FICA Taxes	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
State Taxes	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Subtotal: Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 36,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 36,200.00</b>
<b>Benefits/Insurance</b>		
Co-Pastor (Housing Expense) G. Mitchell	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Co-Pastor (Housing Expense) L. Mitchell	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
AXA Insurance	\$ 6,120.00	\$ 2,500.00
Property (American Family)	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,200.00
<b>Subtotal: Insurance</b>	<b>\$ 50,220.00</b>	<b>\$ 46,700.00</b>
<b>Rent / Mortgage</b>		
Mortgage (Resource Bank)	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
Breezy's Storage	\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00
Anniversary Picnic Site		
<b>Subtotal: Rent</b>	<b>\$ 120,960.00</b>	<b>\$ 120,960.00</b>
<b>Resources</b>		
Vacation Bible School	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Children's Church	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Single Ministry	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Youth Academy	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Sunday School	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,700.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
<b>Subtotal: Resources</b>	<b>\$ 3,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,500.00</b>
<b>Honoraria</b>		
Revival (s)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Subtotal: Honoraria</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Commodities</b>		
Office Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 700.00
Communion Supplies	\$ 120.00	\$ 150.00
Media Supplies	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
<b>Subtotal: Commodities</b>	<b>\$ 1,170.00</b>	<b>\$ 900.00</b>
<b>Postage</b>		
Stamps & Post Office Box	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>Subtotal: Postage</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>



<b>Professional Dues</b>		
United Mission (Great River Region)	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Area Dues	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Judson Center	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
<b>Subtotal: Professional Dues</b>	<b>\$ 1,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,150.00</b>
<b>Conferences/Training &amp; Other Meetings</b>		
Christian Education	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
HIV /AIDS Awareness	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Leadership Retreat	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
<b>Subtotal: Conferences/Training &amp; Other Meetings</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>Property Taxes</b>		
Twombly Road Property	\$ 250.00	\$ 320.00
<b>Subtotal: Taxes</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>	<b>\$ 320.00</b>
<b>Utilities</b>		
Electricity	\$ 7,420.00	\$ 7,420.00
Gas	\$ 6,920.00	\$ 6,920.00
Waste	\$ 900.00	\$ 960.00
Telephone	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
Water / Sewer (City of DeKalb)	\$ 500.00	\$ 900.00
<b>Subtotal: Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 18,440.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,900.00</b>
<b>Ministry Expenses</b>		
Anniversary/Appreciation Committee	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Missionary Outreach	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Youth Ministry Food	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
College Ministry	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Praise Dancers ( Alleluia, Hosanna, Shiloh)	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
Love Inc	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Vacation Bible School (Food & Crafts)	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Food Pantry	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Sunday School	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Sunday School (Breakfast)	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Marriage Retreat	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Singles Ministry	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Voices of Hope/ Youth Choir	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
MLK Committee (Awards)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Baccalaureate Service	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
New Hope Garden		\$ 400.00
Seniors & Friends	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Usher Board	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Men's / Young Men's Club	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Women's Ministries	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Youth Ministry Programs	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
<b>Subtotal: Auxiliary Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 7,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,350.00</b>
<b>Printing</b>		
Sunday Bulletins, Envelopes, Marketing	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 825.00
<b>Subtotal: Printing</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 825.00</b>



<b>Administrative Expenses</b>		
Florist	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Equipment (Computer, Printer, TV/Video, Fax, Copier)	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00
Legal Expenses	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
<b>Subtotal: Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,700.00</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>		
Carpet Cleaning / Floor Buffing	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Website Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Nelson Fire Protection	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Pest Control (Environmental Services)	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Chicago Backflow	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
Alarm Detection Service	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 2,000.00
Landscaping	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Building Maintenance (small jobs)	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
Sound System Maintenance	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Maintenance Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Organ Tuning / Drums	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Snow Removal	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
<b>Subtotal: Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 19,625.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,725.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 266,715.00</b>	<b>\$ 264,030.00</b>