

## 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 relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or ministry will be considered per year. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions.

1. General Information:

Organization Name      Upland Baptist Church Food Bank  
Affiliation with ABCUSA      member of ABCOPAD, Riverside Association  
Address      325 Main Street, Upland Pa 19015  
Phone      610-874-7474      Federal Tax ID# 75-17518-3  
Contact person      Rev. Brenda Shaw      email      brendaabshaw@gmail.com  
                                 Mrs. Lousie Sauk      email      uplandbaptist@verizon.net

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. 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 \$5200

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5000

6. Your other funding source(s) Local Churches, Individual Donations, State Grant

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) Brenda AB Shaw      Date Aug. 28, 2014

Printed Name/Title Reverend Brenda AB Shaw

**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 via email to [beth.fogg@abc-usa.org](mailto:beth.fogg@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



## **Mission Statement**

Providing hope to our community by sharing the love of Jesus.

## **Tag Line**

*Love God! Love Others!*

## **Values**

### **Compassionate**

*An awareness of the suffering of others and doing something about it*

- Providing sustenance to those in need
- Building relationships and working together to make a difference
- Offering a variety of opportunities to serve others

Matthew 25: 31-46

### **Acceptance**

*Seeing people as God sees them*

- Welcoming all into the House of God
- Believing all people are made in the image of God
- Celebrating the diversity of all

Luke 10:25-37

### **Reverence**

*A commitment to growing our faith*

- Developing deep relationships with our Savior through a commitment to God's Word
- Creating a worship environment that is accessible to all
- Living out our faith in our everyday lives

Mark 12:28-31

### **Evolving**

*Striving to be the Church God want us to be while acknowledging and adapting our traditions*

- Transforming traditions into new opportunities
- Engaging our changing community with the unwavering love of Jesus
- Acknowledging and obeying the call God has for our Church

Acts 9:1-19

The Upland Baptist Food Bank has been in operation for more than 40 years. We continue to provide food assistance for families and individuals in our community. Currently, we are serving approximately 40 families each week and in addition, every other week we deliver to 34 housebound Senior Citizens.

We stock our shelves through a State grant, local church support and individual donations. All of the money received by the Upland Baptist Food Bank goes directly to purchasing food that is given to our clients. We have found that buying in bulk is better stewardship. We work to provide the basics for our clients, though currently our donations are down and our number of clients is growing. All of our workers are volunteers from the church and the community.

In the past year we have worked to diversify the types of food available to our clients. We now have access to multiple freezers, which allows us to purchase frozen meat. We also have been providing recipes that use the food we distribute.

We try to use to everything we are given or purchase. Recently, we realized that we have an excess of black beans on our shelves. We found a recipe that used the beans, one of our volunteers made a sample. During our hours of operation, we gave clients the opportunity to taste the dish, receive a recipe and the ingredients to make the dish at home. We want to expand our ability to provide healthy meal options with ingredients and recipes.

In order to accomplish this goal, we would like to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables each week. We have made arrangements with our local Produce Junction to purchase fruits and vegetables in bulk. By providing fresh food alternatives and recipes suggestions for how to use them, we are hoping to encourage healthy eating in our clients.

Fresh produce is often difficult for our clients to obtain. We recognize that the cost of fresh produce is often prohibitive for our clients. We also realize that when taking public transportation, purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables can be difficult. By providing a rotating variety of fresh foods, we hope to increase our clients' reliance on them and help them realize the value of adding them to their diets.

Upland Baptist Food Bank Budget  
July 2014 – July 2015

Checking Account Balance as of 7/2014	10,018.43
*Income –	
Monetary Donations	6,500.00
Proposed Grant	<u>5,000.00</u>
	21,518.43
Expenses –	
Philabundance	12,500.00
Save A Lot	2,040.00
Proposed Weekly Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Purchase (average 100.00/wk)	<u>5,200.00</u>
Balance as of 7/2015	1778.43

\*The Upland Baptist Food Bank also receives a Food Grant of \$15,250.00 for the year in food items.