

## 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 TABITHA'S PANTRY  
Affiliation with ABCUSA FIRST BAPTIST Church PARK FOREST  
Address 80 N. Orchard  
Park Forest, IL  
Phone 708-4735328 Federal Tax ID# 36-6009504  
Contact person DONNA GASTON email ENTOUCHTRAVEL@AOL.COM

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- ☒ 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 \$5000 -

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

6. Your other funding source(s) Private Investment, Other Churches and Members of FBCT.

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) Donna J. Gaston Date 2/18/13

Printed Name/Title DONNA J. GASTON - Pantry Chairman

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



*Tabitha's Pantry  
80 N. Orchard Blvd  
Park Forest, IL 60466  
708-748-2566*

*February 15, 2013*

*Use of funds for Tabitha's Pantry, if we would receive funds from ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant.  
The Pantry would be able to possibly give out fresh meats & produce. Currently we are only a dry goods pantry. Although blessed to do that it would be a joy to be able to hand out fresh. It would assist those that did not have the funds to carry them through the end of the month. Especially in the winter months. Summer is not as brutal as winter.*

*If we were to get \$5000 in grant money we would be able to monthly purchase fresh meats & produce of about \$400 a month for a one year period. Divided by the (30+) families that we service monthly that would be an average of \$15 per family of fresh Meat & produce. We do have the facility to store fresh meat & Produce for a short period.*

*Our request is for the full amount of \$5000.00.*

*Our other funding source is various churches in the community as we as our own FBCPF.  
Besides that I wrote a grant last year to Nuveen Investments who gave the pantry \$2500/ my request was so that Tabitha's could come into the 21 century. I wanted computer to put patron information as well as provide a computer lab with a stress relief class. Where any one that needed tutoring or stress relief would be welcomed to come. We also needed new signs for shopping.*



## **THE TABITHA PANTRY MISSION STATEMENT AND MINISTRY DESCRIPTION**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Tabitha Clothing pantry is to help those in need, both within and outside the church body, secure clean, usable clothing and housewares. To share with those in need of the bounty that the Lord has supplied, and to care for the poor as directed by Jesus Christ.

**WHO MAY USE THE SERVICE:** Those who are on disability pay, unemployment, low or no income, fire victims and the homeless. Proof of income is required to prevent abuse of the ministry. The following are acceptable for proof of income: green card, check stub, medi-card, public aid, agency referral, church letter of need, food stamps, SSI-SSDI, CEDA, CETA, fire victims, PADS or referral from a township office.

**AREA:** At this time there are no residency requirements. Although, should the need warrant such, those towns nearest the church would be given priority.

**NETWORKING:** This ministry is listed with other assistance agencies throughout the south suburban area. We share information of other assistance agencies in our area with our clientele.

**PROCESS:** The pantry has the right to limit items taken by anyone and to set any rules necessary for the efficient operation of the pantry. The users feelings and self-worth are not to be abused and we will encourage those who enter our doors to find a safe and caring place which does not bruise their dignity.

Those working the pantry are to sort all new donations from the community and to keep the storage areas and pantry itself clean and orderly to prevent vermin and fire code violations. Excess clothing is to be sent to other agencies if possible or discarded in a timely fashion.

Donations are solicited from the community so the operational cost of this ministry is minimal. Nothing from the pantry is to be sold or given to agencies that resell items if at all possible.

Records are to be kept of usage and are to be kept confidential. Usage numbers are to be reported to the Leadership Council and the church on a timely basis and an evaluation of this ministry is to be done yearly by those in the pantry and the Leadership Council.

This ministry is to be under the supervision of the Outreach Board (evangelism committee) of the Leadership Council.

## First Baptist Church of Park Forest

### Financial Report Summary January-December 2012

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$9,446.00</b>
Deposits	74,627.00
Checks Paid/Withdrawals	76,405.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$7,668.00</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries	\$24,973.00
Taxes	2,760.00
Utilities	25,895.00
Insurance	12,325.00
Miscellaneous	10,452.00*

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$76,405.00</b>
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\*(books, postage, printer/office supplies pantry supplies,  
building maintenance, alarm, waste removal, etc)

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**September Financial Report  
9/1/12 - 9/30/12**

Beginning Bank Balance	\$7,055.61
Deposits:(4)	4,747.52
Other Deposits	00
Checks Paid (31)	<b>5, 638.40-</b>
Ending Balance (9/30/12)	\$6,164.73

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**October Financial Report  
10/1/12 - 10/31/12**

Beginning Bank Balance	\$6,164.73
Deposits: (6)	6,693.17
Other Deposits	16.41
Checks Paid (32)	<b>7, 055.17</b>
Ending Balance (10/31/12)	\$5,819.14

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**November Financial Report  
11/1/12 - 11/30/12**

Beginning Bank Balance	\$5,819.14
Deposits: (4)	5,155.96
Other Deposits	7.41
Other withdrawals	135.00-
Checks Paid (32)	<b>5, 678.77-</b>
Ending Balance (11/30/12)	\$5,168.74

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**December Financial Report  
12/1/12 - 12/31/12**

Beginning Bank Balance	\$5,168.74
Deposits: (9)	7,933.70
Other Deposits	14.22
Checks Paid (29)	<b>5, 448.44-</b>
Ending Balance (12/31/12)	7,668.22



# TABITHA FOOD PANTRY

PHONE #

99	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

STREET ADDRESS

# CHILDREN

# ADULTS

ZIP CODE

SIGNATURE>> \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ /20

## PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY

☐ GREEN

☐ AGENCY REFERRAL

☐ SSI-SSDI

CARD

☐ CHECK STUB

☐ CHURCH LETTER

☐ CATA, CEDA

☐ MEDI-CARD

☐ UNEMPLOYMENT

☐ GROUP VAN

☐ PUBLIC AID

☒ FOOD STAMPS

☐ TOWNSHIP

☐ N/A

☐ EMERGENCY NEEDS

☐ FIRE VICTIM

☐ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

## CHOOSE YOUR TOWN

☐ PARK FOREST

☐ RICHTON PARK

☐ CHICAGO HTS.

☐ MATTESON

☐ SAUK VILLAGE

☐ OLYMPIA FIELDS

☐ UNIVERSITY PARK

☐ N/A

☐ OTHER TOWN \_\_\_\_\_

☐ RIVERSIDE

☒ FORD HEIGHTS

☐ FLOSSMOOR

☐ GLENWOOD

☐ LYNWOOD

☐ CHICAGO

☐ HAZEL CREST

☐ CTRY CLB HILLS

☐ S. HOLLAND

☐ STEGER

☐ MONEE

☐ DOLTON

☐ BEECHER

☐ HARVEY

☐ PEOTONE

☐ ROBBINS

☐ BLOOM

☐ CRETE

## WHERE YOU HEARD ABOUT PANTRY

☒ FRIEND

☐ AGENCY

☐ TV

☐ FLYER

☐ RELATIVE

☐ PUBLIC AD

☐ CABLE

☐ SSA OFFICE

☐ TOWNSHIP

☐ UNITED WAY

☐ RADIO

☐ B. BOARD

☐ N/A

☐ SCHOOL

☐ PAPER

☐ DMV

☐ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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