

## 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 Greater New Life Christian Center  
Affiliation with ABCUSA Member church in good standing with TABCOM  
Address 1323 Worcester Street, Indian Orchard, MA 01151  
Phone (413) 209-9820 Federal Tax ID# 04-3531000  
Contact person Rev. Dr. Morris Stimage-Norwood email gnlcc@localnet.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. 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 \$98,470

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

6. Your other funding source(s) Resident member housing fees, Community Development Block Grant, and Fundraisers

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) Rev. Dr. Morris Stimage-Norwood Date March 1, 2015  
Printed Name/Title Rev. Dr. Morris Stimage-Norwood / Senior Pastor

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 [Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



## **Mission Statement of Greater New life Christian Center**

The mission of the Greater New Life Christian Center of Springfield, Inc. is to praise God and empower people to love and serve Him. We seek to fulfill our mission by practicing the five-fold ministries of worship, fellowship, evangelism, mission, and Christian Education. At Greater New Life we feel called to be a center of hope, healing, and happiness for all people in order to help them fulfill their deepest human needs. We fully believe the promises of God's Word as it is recorded in St. John 14:12:

***"Verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."***

**Greater New Life Christian Center**  
**Sober Housing and Supportive Services Ministry**  
**(January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015)**

**Beginning Balance** 719

**Income**

Covenant House Membership Fees	40,980
Power House Membership Fees	28,080
Little House (Lease)	10,200
CDBG	8,000
Fundraising	7,000
<b>Matthew 25 Grant</b>	5,000
<b>Total Projected Income</b>	<b>99,260</b>

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>99,979</b>
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**Expenses**

**Personnel**

Case Manager (.25 FTE)	6,000
Housing Support (PH)	3,744
Housing Support (CH)	2,000
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>11,744</b>

**Non-Personnel**

**Direct Costs**

Covenant House Mortgage	10,404	
Power House Mortgage	9,132	
Vacancy Loss Rate (12%)	9,511	
Insurance	5,056	
Phone/Internet	2,736	
TV	588	
Oil	4,185	
Gas	4,800	
Electric	5,000	
Water	1,500	
Snow Removal	1,200	
Maintenance/Repairs	19,000	(boiler replacement; roof; plumbing)
Covenant House Supplies	1,500	
Power House Supplies	1,000	
Program Incentives	1,500	
Resident Personal Development Costs	2,500	PEP (People Empowering People) Program (a social and vocational skills program)
Fundraising Expense	2,500	
Contingency (5%)	4,614	
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>86,726</b>	

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>98,470</b>
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<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>1,509</b>
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## GREATER NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER

### The New Life Center for Recovery: Sober Housing and Supportive Services Ministry

The New Life Center for Recovery, a mission work of Greater New Life American Baptist Church, is a transformative urban ministry located in Springfield, MA. Through the Covenant House Women's Home, Powerhouse Men's Home, and the Little House Family Home, we seek to address the problems and pains of homelessness and addiction of people in recovery. In the twelve year history of our church and the three years since our recovery and housing ministry was launched, we have provided clean, decent, and safe sober housing for over 50 people who have been referred to us by personnel from area jails, probation departments, homeless shelters, social service agencies and other churches.

Our integrated approach to addiction and sober housing provides each resident with the foundation for healing. Because drug addiction and alcoholism are complex diseases which often lead to homelessness and its many damaging effects, our small but highly trained and spiritually-grounded staff are well equipped to present a Christ-centered ministry that helps people experience the grace of the gospel. It is amazing what Jesus has done with the very limited financial resources currently available to us. Nevertheless, we are grateful for the joy that comes from being able to touch so many lives.

We are requesting **\$5,000.00** dollars to help us continue to meet the demands of providing this critical needs ministry to persons in recovery. These funds will be used to provide program incentives and limited financial support in the form of bus passes, food, clothing, and a small one-time subsidy to help deserving residents toward their fees when their disability or welfare payments are delayed.

In the context of Jesus' words as they are found in Matthew 25, we are called to respond to the needs of those suffering from homelessness to bring them from the ***dirty streets to the clean sheets*** found in our sober living homes. Our ministry strives to help each person undergo a life-saving transformation and develop a personal relationship with God. An incredible outcome of our ministry is that we have seen former addicts, alcoholics, prostitutes, thieves, convicts, and others become mentors, peer group leaders, college students, Sunday School teachers, missionaries, and positive role models for their families. Furthermore, we have celebrated three weddings and seen the reunification of several families.

While by many church organizational standards we are a young, small congregation of less than 125 members, we believe that we can do all things through Christ who does strengthen us. Led by the vision that God granted to our pastor, Rev Dr. Morris Stimage-Norwood, and the other clergy and lay members who minister alongside of him, we thank God that we can house the homeless, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, counsel the addicted, and help the least of these whom Jesus loves.

Whereas we do rejoice in this labor of love, we also recognize the challenges that come from having limited resources and considerable expenses. Our housing ministry includes three buildings that have been purchased, with outstanding mortgages, renovated, and furnished to provide 22 units of quality sober housing and supportive services within at atmosphere of Christian love. It is our prayer that the Matthew 25 Grants Committee will partner with us to offer the blessings of hope, healing, and happiness to those who are suffering from addiction and homelessness.

May God continue to bless you in your work of helping churches like ours expand Christ's mission so that "Our Lord's kingdom may come and His will be done."