

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2019



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, 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. Awards will be granted only to an internal ministry of an American Baptist church which provides direct benefit to children. The church must be in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.

Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions or stipends, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements or repairs to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church that is applying for the grant; checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

Tab through the document to fill in all the fields below.

1. Applicant Information

Name of Church: First Baptist Church of Owego

Mailing Address: 228 Main Street, Owego, NY 13827-1612

Phone: (607) 687-4394

Federal Tax ID#: 16-0874804

Name of Region: ABC NYS, Broome-Tioga Association

Contact person (person completing this form): Rich Saxton

Email of contact person: sparky99@stny.rr.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2. What ministry or group will use these funds?

The KIND Project

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

Please include a very brief and specific statement on how the money will be spent. For example: to purchase school supplies for 100 elementary school children; to provide summer camp scholarships for 10 children from low-income families; purchase diapers and wipes for single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

This grant will enable the continuation and expansion of the KIND Project (Kids In Need of Diapers) to provide diapers, wipes, creams, cornstarch, shampoo and body wash to families who do not have the financial resources to purchase these items for their infants and children.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? What impact do you hope to make on the target group or community?

The program was established to provide stop-gap support to families experiencing financial hardship until they are able to purchase these essential supplies. Families in poverty are faced with a dilemma – whether to buy food for the family or diapers, which are not covered by food stamps or WIC. Children suffer when clean diapers, diaper creams, and wipes and related essentials are not available when needed. For those families assisted by the KIND Project, there is improved health and comfort for the baby, and peace of mind for the family. The impact of the KIND Project felt within the community has been immediate and significant to the families we have served. Through publicity efforts, word-of-mouth and agency referrals, ever-

increasing numbers of needy families are coming to us for support. As we continue to address the needs of an ever-increasing number of families, the project must grow to meet the demand, and with that growth, its lasting community impact becomes immeasurable.

5. Total cost of the project: \$12,500
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$2,500
7. List other funding source(s): FBC-O April Deacons Communion Offering: \$391.00; FBC-O Mission/Benevolence Fund Budget: \$300.00; First Baptist Church of Owego Fundraising, \$1,599; Southern Tier Tuesdays, \$2,000; Walmart Foundation, \$1,000 = \$5,401.00. Fundraising will continue through remainder of 2019-2020 project year.
8. Please submit along 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.

By submitting this application on behalf of (church name) First Baptist Church of Owego (NY), I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct. We agree to use and/or disburse any grant funds awarded for the sole purpose as described within this application. 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 (name of person): Richard D. Saxton (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: August 10, 2019

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline September 1. Grants will be distributed no later than October 15.
- Only electronic submissions of completed applications and supporting documents will be accepted. Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org.
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

Instructions and information for completing the 2018 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application

1. General information

Awards will be granted only to internal ministries of an American Baptist Church in good standing with their Region which provides direct services to or for children. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that include non-ABC churches or ministries where a church partners with other organizations; applications must be submitted by an ABC church in good standing.

When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the detailed budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the ABC church. Checks will not be made to an individual or ministry.

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

Briefly describe what will be purchased with the grant funds if awarded. Be specific with the expected use of these funds. This should be a very short and specific statement of no more than a few sentences on where the money will be spent, do not include a lengthy narrative of the ministry project here. You are encouraged to provide a longer description of the ministry but this additional information must be limited to no more than one page in length and submitted as an attachment.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to: fund staff positions, salaries or stipends; for capital improvements to church facilities; to pay for regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance) or repairs; or to maintain a "Rainy Day" or church benevolent fund.

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

Describe how the Matthew 25 grant funds will benefit those less fortunate. What effect and impact do you hope to have on individuals battling poverty or the community you are hoping to serve?

5. Total cost of the project

List the total amount of this project or ministry need.

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant.

One application per church or region will be considered per 24 month period. The maximum amount awarded is \$5,000. If you have previously been a Matthew 25 grant recipient, you must have submitted a follow-up report in order to be eligible to reapply.

7. Your other funding source(s).

List all other sources providing funding for this ministry.

8. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement

Include as an attachment a copy of the church or ministry's mission statement.

- A financial statement for this ministry

This budget or projected budget must include itemized expenses and income for the ministry applying for the Matthew 25 grant funding. Church budgets are not acceptable.

Other information and requirements

By submitting an application,

- You certify that all information submitted is true and correct;
- You agree to use and/or disburse any awarded grant funds for the sole purpose as described within this application;
- You agree to supply a one page report on the use of funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant;
- You give ABCUSA permission to share your story via the ABCUSA website or newsletter;
- You give ABCUSA permission to use the photograph(s) submitted for printing and/or posting.

I have reviewed the instructions provided. (initial here) RDS

Your typed name and initials are your electronic signatures on this document.

ATTACHMENT 1

KIND PROJECT OVERVIEW

There is a silent crisis in the United States as nearly 1-in-3 families struggle to afford diapers for their children. Families in the Southern Tier are likewise affected by this crisis. Many of these families search for community resources to assist them; however, it is frequently the case that no community organizations are positioned to do so. Children suffer when their diapers are not changed when needed, placing them at risk of developing diaper rash, which at times can become severe. It is also a fact that when there is stress in the home, children suffer. Parents become stressed when they cannot find a community resource to assist them in their time of need. This request is for the KIND Project.

The KIND Project provides diapers, wipes, creams, cornstarch, shampoo and body wash to families who do not have the financial resources to purchase these items for their infants and children.

Recognizing that there were no existing local community programs, the KIND Project was launched in the spring of 2016 to solely and specifically address this unmet need. The cycle of poverty is rooted in the families and the children who are disadvantaged from their earliest years. The KIND Project was established to address some of the most basic physical needs.

The KIND Project took an underappreciated problem, created a mission to serve all families in need of diapers and related supplies, and has quickly become the established community resource that local agencies/programs rely upon to help their families when there is need for diapers, wipes, creams, cornstarch, and shampoo/body wash. The KIND Project is the only reliable source in the community for the full range of these products for families in-need.

The program was established to provide stop-gap support to families experiencing financial hardship until they are able to purchase these essential supplies. Families in poverty are faced with a dilemma – whether to buy food for the family or diapers, which are not covered by food stamps or WIC. Children suffer when clean diapers, diaper creams, and wipes and related essentials are not available when needed. For those families assisted by the KIND Project, there is improved health and comfort for the baby, and peace of mind for the family.

When local agencies/programs including, but not limited to, Parents & Children Together (PACT), Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Early Intervention, Child Protective Services (CPS), Tioga Rural Ministries, Catholic Charities and Open Door Mission have requests for diapers and related supplies, these agencies/programs refer their families to the KIND Project.

The KIND Project is an integral service provider in a cooperative, collaborative and complementary community network of service providers.

The synergy among the network resources serves to produce positive outcomes for families not achievable by one agency/program alone.

The First Baptist Church of Owego (FBC-O) congregation continues to focus on the KIND Project as a primary community outreach/mission.

One hundred percent (100%) of grant funding will be used to purchase supplies that directly benefit the least of those able to help themselves - needy infants and children.

All labor is provided as FBC-O congregant volunteer hours. The 2019 YTD volunteer hour estimate is 385 hours, January 1 – August 9, 2019.

ATTACHMENT 2

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OWEGO (NY)

MISSION STATEMENT

To serve as a reliable resource enabling families in poverty to keep their infants and children healthy, and to provide them the best possible start in life.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

KIND Project -- 2019 Funding Sources	
SOURCE NAME	STATUS
A Community Thrives -- Gannett/USA Today	Application Submitted, No Grant Award Received
Community Foundation for South Central NY	Application Submitted, Outcome Uncertain
Tioga Downs Regional Community Foundation	Application Submitted, Outcome Uncertain
Southern Tier Tuesdays	Grant Award Received, \$2,000
State Farm Neighborhood Assist	Application Submitted, No Grant Award Received
Walmart Foundation	Grant Award Received, \$1,000
Tioga County, NY Businesses	Donation Received, Upstate Shredding (Weitsman), \$100 Donation Received, Apalachin Library, \$11
Peer Community Churches (Owego and Tioga County)	Donation Received of Supplies (Diapers, Wipes, Cream)
First Baptist Church of Owego Fundraising	Strawberry Festival, \$934 Golden Agers, \$500 Sunbeam Circle, \$25 ----- FBC-O Mission/Benovolence Fund, \$300 ----- FBC-O April Deacons Communion Offering, \$391.00
American Baptist Women, Broome/Tioga Association	Donation Received, \$140
American Baptist Churches USA Grant (Matthew 25)	Application Not Yet Submitted, Outcome Uncertain

PROJECT BUDGET/EXPENSE PLAN		
Organization Name: First Baptist Church of Owego--2019-2020 KIND Project		
<u>ITEMS TO BE FUNDED</u>		
Administrative Expenses	Projected Expense	Actual Expense
None	\$0.00	
Total Administrative Costs	\$0.00	
Items to be Purchased		
Combination of: - Diapers - Wipes - Cream - Cornstarch - Shampoo - Bodyw ash	\$12,500.00	
Total Grant Purchases	\$12,500.00	
Capital Expenses		
None	\$0.00	
Total Capital Expenses	\$0.00	
Total Project Costs	\$12,500.00	