

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: Judson Memorial Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 531 Glendale Avenue, Lansing MI 48910

Phone: 517 882-5961

Federal Tax ID#: 38-2281817

Name of Region: ABC of Michigan - Central Area

Contact person (person completing this form): Barb Dougherty, Volunteer Grant Assistant

Email of contact person: barbdclarinet@comcast.net

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?

Judson Love Clothing Center

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.

All funds will be used to purchase new clothing to be distributed to children and youth in the Lansing, Michigan area who are in need of assistance. Nearly 40,000 children and youth have been served since operations began in 1989, notably 1,393 in 2018, and we anticipate a growing number of families in need.

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?

Many Lansing area families struggle financially due to job-loss, low income, health issues and other factors beyond their control. They find that funds for children's clothing are limited, if available at all. While the tangible need for clothing is primary, many children also experience a loss of self-esteem when they cannot dress like their peers when they attend school. The impact of the Love Clothing Center is shown in the gratitude that families show when they receive a gift of clothing for their school-age children, and in the smiles on the children's faces.

5. Total cost of the project: \$40,000 annually. Funds are obtained solely through grant requests and solicitations from churches and individuals, so the amount available each year is uncertain. The goal of \$40,000 is not always fully reached. The Love Clothing Center strives to serve as many children as possible with the funds that are received.
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000
7. List other funding source(s): The Love Clothing Center has been blessed to receive grants from local family and community foundations, as well as mission giving programs, including a previous Matthew 25 grant. Funding is also received from area churches and community organizations, as well as many individuals that give generously to this ministry.
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) Judson Memorial Baptist Church, 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): Barb Dougherty (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/31/2019

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) bd

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

ABC-USA Matthew 25 Grant Application – 2019
Judson Love Clothing Center - Project Description

The Need - It is a continuing harsh reality that economic factors often force families into situations where they simply cannot provide adequate clothing for their children. This happens due to job loss, low-income, homelessness, health issues, and countless stresses of daily life. The Judson Love Clothing Center seeks to help these families by providing free new and used clothing to school-age children and youth in the Lansing, Michigan area. Each child receives new underwear and socks, new and used clothing, seasonal items, and winter coats by appointment. Families may return every four months, should their need continue.

We believe that one essential element in this process is to build self-esteem. For these children, having clothes so that they can dress like their peers goes a long way toward equipping them to meet educational and social challenges. We aim to serve as many children as funds allow, while continuing to seek funding, donations, and volunteers to meet the continuing need.

History – The Love Clothing Center recently celebrated 30 years of service. The Center began when Lansing area churches were approached by the Lansing School District to address the increasing number of children in need of adequate school clothing. Judson Baptist church leadership enthusiastically took on this challenge in 1989. The Judson Love Clothing Center has grown and continues today as a vital outreach ministry of Judson Baptist Church. The church provides space, utilities, and administrative support. Because the program is totally run by volunteers, the Center operates with no administrative costs.

Mission Focus - All funds received are used solely to purchase new clothing. Nearly 40,000 children and youth have been served since operations began in 1989. In 2018 alone, we completed orders for 1,393 children, and logged over 1,718 volunteer hours. Volunteers maximize the use of funds received by careful shopping, seeking out discounts and seasonal sales. The overarching goal is to help as many families as possible.

To do this, we continually seek additional funding opportunities. We also strive to increase visibility of the program within the community, through local media publicity, Christian Services' newsletter circulation, and other avenues as they arise. Through successful "Sock it To Me" events, we have been able to provide five pairs of socks and underwear to each child, with a goal of providing seven pairs. From all of these areas of support, the value of everything provided by the Love Clothing Center in 2018 totaled \$127,512.

The Judson Love Clothing Center strives to continue to serve God and our community in the name of Christ, by sharing His love. The joy seen on children's faces as they receive new clothes for school and warm winter coats reinforces our commitment to this vital ongoing mission.

American Baptist Churches USA - Matthew 25 Grant 2019 Application - Budget Worksheet

Project Title: Judson Love Clothing Center
Applicant Organization: Judson Memorial Baptist Church

Balance as of January 1, 2019	<u>4,184.27</u>
Income January 1-July 31, 2019	<u>29,901.37</u>
	<u>34,085.64</u>
Purchase of clothing Jan 1-July 31, 2019	<u>-16,634.88</u>
Balance as of July 31, 2019	<u>17,450.76</u>

Line Item	Description	Matthew 25 Request	Other Funding	Project Total
Salary/wages	All services are provided entirely by volunteers	0	0	0
Facility Costs/Utilities	Judson Love Clothing Center is housed within Judson Baptist Church, which covers all costs including utilities	0	0	0
Postage/Shipping	Supplied without cost by Judson Baptist Church	0	0	0
Copying/Printing	Supplied without cost by Judson Baptist Church	0	0	0
Project Supplies (describe)	Facility and volunteer supplied	0	0	0
Marketing/Advertising	Supplied by Judson Church and Christian Services			0
Administrative/Overhead	There are no overhead costs	0	0	0
OTHER COSTS (please list):	Purchase of new clothing (jeans, pants/skirts, school uniform items, shirts/blouses, socks/underwear, coats	5,000	35,000	40,000
Volunteers shop for clothing to be distributed to school age children and youth in need of assistance. \$40,000 is our annual fundraising goal, through foundation/corporate grants and individual gifts. This total is not always reached but all money received is used to purchase new clothing to serve as many as funds allow. The Love Clothing Center expends the most extensive amount of funds in August and September, as this is when the bulk of new clothing is purchased for the beginning of the school year.				
TOTALS		5,000	35,000	40,000
	<i>Percentage of Project Costs</i>	<i>12.50%</i>	<i>87.50%</i>	<i>100.00%</i>

Mission Statement
Love Clothing Center
Judson Memorial Baptist Church

For thirty years, the Judson Love Clothing Center's mission has been to share the love of Jesus by providing free new and used clothing to school-age children and youth in the Lansing area who are in need of assistance. We strive to maintain an accepting and supportive environment, sensitive to family needs. Our goal is to alleviate some financial struggles and to empower children to excel regardless of the life circumstances that their families may face.

Today, the Love Clothing Center strives to continue to serve God and our community in the name of Christ, for His glory. The Center is run entirely by volunteers who donate their time because "We have been forgiven much by Jesus, and therefore we love much". (Luke 7:47).