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## **ABHMS Calls for Children in Poverty Grant Proposals by April 24**

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 1/23/13)**—Congregations, regions and community ministries related to American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) are invited to apply for 2013 Children in Poverty (CiP) grants from American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) for support of programs that address needs of children living in poverty in their local communities.

At least 10 grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 will be distributed.

This is the fifth year that ABHMS has awarded CiP grants aimed at helping the more than 14 million children growing up with inadequate resources to nurture their God-given potential. Since beginning the CiP grant process in 2009, ABHMS has distributed \$224,000 in grants with the help of donors' matching contributions to the CiP grant fund.

Projects have focused on quality education, health care and support to caregivers as they try to earn livable wages. In 2012, primary attention was given to projects that demonstrated partnerships with schools in local communities. In 2013, primary attention will be given to programs that focus on serving children of incarcerated parents and children with disabilities. A better understanding of both target populations can be obtained by referring to [The Christian Citizen](#) magazine.

[Grant application packets](#) are available at [www.abhms.org](http://www.abhms.org) > Ministries & Programs > Children in Poverty or by calling the Rev. Lisa Harris, national coordinator, ABHMS Justice for Children Initiative, at 1-800-222-3872, x2158.

Proposals must be postmarked by April 24, 2013; applications will not be accepted via email.

*ABHMS—the domestic mission arm of ABCUSA—ministers as the caring heart and serving hands of Jesus Christ across the United States and Puerto Rico through a multitude of initiatives that focus on discipleship, community and justice.*

*American Baptist Churches is one of the most diverse Christian denominations today, with over 5,200 local congregations comprised of 1.3 million members, across the United States and Puerto Rico, all engaged in God's mission around the world.*