

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

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: **Harvest of Blessings Ministerial Community Outreach, LLC**

Affiliation with ABCUSA: **American Baptist Churches of NJ, Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer, Executive Minister and Senior Regional Pastor**

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Contact person: ***Minister Sandra Pendleton-Rock** email: **SLrock25@msn.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: \$4830. Total Received:**

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: **\$4830.00.**

6. Your other funding source(s): **Office of Justice for Children Initiative, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, PO Box 851 Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851**

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) Minister Sandra Pendleton-Rock Date: **September 1, 2015**

Printed Name/Title: Sandra Pendleton-Rock, Minister, Harvest of Blessings Community Outreach

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. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



“Let us not forget to welcome strangers into your home, our community, where you worship and fellowship, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!” ~ Heb.13:2

Project: “Seeds of Hope”, Children of Incarcerated Parents. Harvest of Blessings Community Outreach ministry has continued to serve and provide advocacy services for those who have experienced medical crises, job losses, and other catastrophic challenges leading to homelessness, economic disadvantages including underemployment, incarceration. We are grateful to the generous donor and ABCUSA for helping us to plant a “Seed of Hope” by awarding (\$2500) Matthew 25 April 2014.

Target Community:

Newark (surrounding communities), New Jersey, where there exists a high rate of poverty, unemployment, homelessness, single-parent families, and crime and gang violence. The population we serve is primarily African-American and Latino. Statistics: An annual 2012 survey by the Legal Services of New Jersey, 24.7 percent of the state’s population – 2.1 million residents – was considered poor in 2011, an increase of 80,000 people. These statistics affect children (630,000), ages 18-24 years, families headed by single mothers, African-Americans and Hispanics, elderly, the persistence of high unemployment (8.6) and ex-offenders seeking aid and restoration in Essex County.

Mission: decrease intergenerational jailing and to lessen the pain of separation between parent and child. This population is challenged by the desperate levels of poverty and other degradations in everyday life.(Matthew 25:36)

Current Activity:

- (1) Bi-monthly visits that bring children to the PATCH Room at the Essex County Correctional Facility (ECCF) to visit their eligible mother or father, twice a month.
- (2) Life Skills Classes, Essex County Correctional Facility Reentry Program for men to build positive value systems and obtain tools for positive living.
- (3) “Seeds of Hope”, Harvest Kids ages 6-14 learning spiritual/cultural/educational/field trips/enrichment/therapeutic African Drumming program, a Community- based mentoring program for children of incarcerated parents. (Maximum 30 children, Monthly Saturday Gathering, 11a to 2 PM) to increase twice a month). We have a curriculum in place and scheduled dates which begun: Saturday, June 20, July 18, August 8, September 19; October 17, November 21, December 19 2015, January 16, February 13, March 12 2016 (dates change due to emergency (2016 to be confirmed)

Future Vision: “Kingdom Building” Church planting with the population we serve.

Harvest of Blessings Community Outreach Ministries, “Seeds of Hope” project, will be hosted by an ABCNJ “Fresh Expressions” Church, conducting its ministries in the city of Newark or surrounding areas, New Jersey. The host church, Families, Youth and Young Adult Ministries will have an opportunity to fellowship/volunteer and share their time and talents with the Harvest Kids during the Saturday Programs. Family Caregivers are welcomed to participate as helpers or guests. The caregivers are believers are looking forward to a women’s support group/spiritually based.

Proposed Project:

Continue to partner with the Reentry/Social Services, Essex County Correctional Facility, Newark NJ, St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church “Drumming Camp”, Millburn NJ, collaborating monthly classes with the Children starting October 2015. Episcopal Diocese of Newark, NJ, Dominion Ministries, a non-profit organization that has served families of incarcerated offenders. Transformation Newark-Dominion Ministries, ReMA (Residence Ministers Alliance), Newark NJ.

(1) Continued Partnership with Family Reunification/Staying Connected Program under the leadership of Mrs. V. Dudley, Director of Re-entry Services/Supervisor of Social Services Program, Essex County Correctional Facility commenced Harvest of Blessings is where children are taken once a month to visit and bond with their eligible mother or father, spending 2 hours their parents, play games, videos and have dinner.

(2) Life Skills Workshops that build individual value system and tools for positive wholistic living.

(3) American Baptist Home Missions Society: Rev. Fela Barrueto, National Coordinator, Prisoner Re-entry and Aftercare, "Stations of Hope" Training Program for clergy and ministerial leaders and partner with Essex County Correctional Facility StayingConnected Reentry Program.

(4) Partner and adopt an Elementary School with the Parent Coordinator under the direction of the Principal 2015-2016 school year.

(5) Caregiver support group on a bi-monthly or quarterly basis.

(6) **PASTORAL SERVICES:** Provide one-on-one spiritual counseling, training, and support clients with Social Services to include Grief Counseling, HIV/AIDS mentorship and education to youth, and senior citizens (i.e. Alzheimer's Association of New Jersey). Establish partnerships with houses of worship and faith-based services serving Newark and surrounding areas.

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BUDGET PROJECTION

Continued Project: "Seeds of Hope", Children of Incarcerated Prisoners

Harvest of Blessings Ministerial Community Outreach, LLC

377 S Harrison Street, Apt. 13G, East Orange, NJ 07018

Effective Date: October 1, 2015 – April 2016 _____ Today's Date: September 1, 2015

Fund Source: ABCUSA MATTHEW 25

Amount of Grant: \$4830. Initial Projection

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Prepared by: Minister Sandra Pendleton-Rock, Project Coordinator

Signature: Sandra Pendleton-Rock

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT 2015 Request		\$ 4830.00
	BUDGET Narrative for Anticipated Date: October 1, 2015	ESTIMATED AMOUNT
A.	Hands-on Educational and creative supplies/materials (donated), culinary arts, videos, computer tablets (10 x \$45.00 = \$450), Therapeutic African cultural drumming classes ~ (drums 12 x \$75.00 = \$900.00)	\$ 1350.00
B.	4 Educational trips to museum/library, Gardening/Farming, Native American pow wow for ~30 children 4 – 14 year old. (tickets \$6.00 per child x 30 = \$180 + refreshments \$2.00 per child = \$60 x 3 events)	\$ 720.00
C.	Refreshments for 6 monthly sessions, averaging 30 youths (\$2. Per child per event)	\$ 360.00
D.	Platinum Tours & Charter LLC transportation for trips (\$400.00 Per trip two (2) vans 24 children + volunteer x 5 trips) ~ Safety regulation per child.	\$ 2000.00
E.	Materials for food donations given at monthly Caregiver/youth meetings with PATCH/Essex County Correctional Facility Family Reunification ~ (10 Families x 2 monthly meetings at \$10.00 per food basket x 2 events)	\$ 400.00
F.	Utilities – 8 months x \$100.00 =	\$ (800.00)
G.	Postage and printing x 8 months at \$5.00 per month	\$ (40.00)
H.	Insurance (8 month period) Estimate cost	\$ (1000.00)
TOTAL REQUEST		\$ 4830.00

ABCUSA 2014 MATTHEW 25 GRANT CASH FLOW: We were awarded \$2500 and recipients of the 2014 Matthew 25 Grant for Harvest of Blessings, Learning by Experience, April 30, 2014 to December 11, 2014. The Cash flow report as follows:

5/24 - 7/29/14 ~ Refreshments \$357.89; 6/18 - 12/13/14 ~ Transportation \$1550.00;
6/26 -12/13/14 ~Hands-on educational & creative supplies/materials, nutrition, computer/videos, support, trips to the museum/WBGO Jazz 88 for Kids hands on participation/Brazilian ethnomusic origins; Western Religious Traditions of the world/Holiday Celebration Activities and ethnic foods. ~ \$484.00. TOTAL \$2391.89

Out of Pocket (Pastor Sandra P. Rock): 5/24 - 12/13/14 ~ Refreshments (\$201.31); 6/18-12/13/14 ~ Transportation (\$350.00); Educational/Creative Supplies, etc. ~ (\$100.00)
TOTAL (\$651.31)

Educational materials/creative supplies donated or shared from volunteers and their services. Volunteers included: College student, Members from St. Stephen's/Grace Episcopal Church, First Baptist Peddie Memorial family Members, Teachers from 3 School Districts, etc.

Project COST TOTAL \$3043.20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yours ink Christ,

Minister Sandra Pendleton-Rock