

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 CenterPoint Baptist Church

Affiliation with ABCUSA Yes

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Contact person Orlando Bego email ojbego@gmail.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: \$6,000.00

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000.00

6. Your other funding source(s): CenterPiont Baptist Church, Go Fund Me Campaign

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) _____ Date _____

Printed Name/Title _____

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 beth.fogg@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



THE BLESS BAG PROJECT

VISION STATEMENT - Impacting Lives One At A Time (Luke 4:18-19).

MISSION STATEMENT - To transform communities through Spiritual Renewal, Social Change and Economic Empowerment (Luke 4:18-19).

CenterPoint is a gathering of people in process, a place where the curious, the broken and the used-to-believe, meet the committed, informed and the sold-out.

PREMISE

Feeding programs are known to serve as a pillar for ministry in urban settings. These outreach programs are of great benefit to the body, and thereby help to lift the spirit of the children, youth and families served. When hunger is eliminated and malnutrition diminished, families are able to live a healthier lifestyle.

PROBLEM

According to the DC Fiscal Policy Institute, in 2012, just over 18 percent of DC residents—108,732 people—lived below the poverty line, which is less than \$23,492 for a family of four. The highest poverty rates continue to exist in Wards 7 and 8, where one-in-three residents lived below the poverty line in 2012. According to Kids Count, the poverty rate of children in Ward 8 in 2013 was 50.6%

PROPOSAL

CenterPoint serves as a ministry in the Ward 8 community where both physical and spiritual needs are ministered too. The proposed feeding program is a platform for community outreach. It will serve not only as a conduit to bring families to the knowledge of Christ, but primarily as an opportunity to fulfill the church mandate to feed the hungry.

CenterPoint proposes to establish and operate a “**Blessing Bag**” food project primarily for children, youth and families living in Ward 8 Washington, DC. These families include people living in Section 8 housing, homeless shelters, senior living facilities and regrettably on the streets. There are so many ways to help eliminate hunger in Washington, DC. One could donate financially to offer hope through life changing ministries, invest time, talents and professional expertise as a volunteer, organize a collection drive for needed food items through the office, school or organizations.

Another way is to prepare Blessing Bags. Blessing Bags meet immediate, daily needs while offering families hope. Not everyone has food. Not everyone can just go to the pantry and grab something to eat. Having to struggle for basic necessities, along with having to deal with other factors of poverty is incredibly difficult. So, CenterPoint seeks to create Blessing Bags with nonperishable food items. These Blessing Bags will accomplish the primary objectives:

1. Feed Their Needs - One of the greatest gifts you can give to someone who is hungry is food to nourish their bodies. Food like granola bars, crackers with peanut butter, trail mixes, dried fruits, and a bottle of water are great items to tuck into the “Blessing Bags.”

2. Feed Their Souls - Feeding someone’s soul is just as important as feeding their needs. CenterPoint has created a local resources list that families can tap into for further resources. In addition, a note of encouragement and a comforting scripture.

BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT

INCOME		
ABCUSA		5,000.00
Go Fund Me Campaign		500.00
CenterPoint BC		500.00
EXPENSES		
Food	5,000.00	
Supplies	300.00	
Print Materials	300.00	
Misc.	400.00	
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BUDGET EXPENSE NARRATIVE FOR THE PROJECT

Food: The cost for food is based on the preparation of 100 “Blessing Bags” at a cost of \$5.00 per bag.

Supplies: The cost for bags to place food items in.

Print Materials: The cost of is based on printed resources related to the resource guide.

Misc.: Indirect cost associated with the Project.