

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

1. General Information

Calvary Baptist Church of Denver

American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains ABCRM

Bootstraps and Blessings Community Outreach Ministry

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2. (A) Calvary Baptist Church Mission Statement - Attached

The Bootstraps and Blessings Community Outreach Ministry is an outreach of Calvary's mission. A narrative description of our ministry is at

2, (B)The Projected Budget for 2016 -Attached

Summary of The Bootstraps and Blessings Ministry

The Bootstraps and Blessings Community Outreach Ministry is an outreach of Calvary's mission.

Open two half days a week with a corps of 26 trained volunteers, Matthew 25 is our scriptural foundation and call to service. We give emergency assistance to the homeless and needy in Southeast Denver by providing to each client:

a) a trained volunteer that listens to the guests story and helps our clients navigate the social service system in Denver in a way that will help them find job training, work, housing, rent assistance and support that is beyond what we are able to do. We supply our clients with both counseling help and a packet of materials that provides tools that will serve them well. We regularly refer to agencies for work, education and housing assistance.

b) a TO GO emergency bag of food-All food in our pantry is donated by the congregation, but needs to sometimes be supplemented

- c) King Soopers Grocery Store Gift Cards in increments of \$5. General assistance is \$10-\$25 per visit - The certificates can be used for all store food and merchandise and gas. Certificates cannot be used for tobacco and alcohol. Based upon the previous month's income, we purchase gift cards and bus passes for the next month.
- d) Round Trip bus passes to the downtown area where many social service agencies are located
- e) shower facilities and laundry facilities to homeless - we have two showers in our east wing and a washing machine and dryer that were donated
- f) the gift of Hope and motivation through compassionate care and help to develop the tools needed to find appropriate poverty cycle breaking help

3. How do you plan to use the requested funds - We give assistance to those who come into our doors one time every quarter. We know that as the word gets out our client numbers increase. We would like to increase our assistance to every other month if funds are granted. Requested funds would enable increasing our Pantry supply and Gift Certificate Supply as we build our donor base and increase the number of congregational members that use the reloadable gift cards when they buy groceries. The projected budget is conservative.

4. How will funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects - The cycle of poverty is never broken with a handout of food certificates, bus passes and an emergency TO GO bag. However, a compassionate, trained, listening ear that can supply and suggest the tools to navigate the social service system that will include education, job training, good child care and financial management can help one on the way. Denver is well equipped with agencies that can give that kind of cycle breaking help. We believe that by giving emergency assistance and the gift of time and counseling and encouragement, the motivation and self confidence that follows can begin that difficult task of breaking the poverty cycle. Stories from our clients affirm that. We do not have the funds to set up the kind of agency that already exists and we believe that reinventing the wheel is not a good use of time or money. We refer our guests to the agencies that are best equipped to give the appropriate aid. We are a part of Family Promise - formerly Inter Faith Hospitality Network (we were in fact the first Denver Church to join the Network). That is our primary referral to families. This organization offers parenting education, job training, interview training, child care and shelter.

5. Total Cost of Project - This is an ongoing need rather than a project cost, but because we have been operating month to month and just making ends meet through the rewards program and our donors, a grant would give us some breathing space and money to build our pantry and resources as we build other funding sources.

6. \$3000

7. Our primary funding source is congregational members using the Neighborhood Rewards Program with King Soopers and Safeway. We receive 5% of every dollar spent at the grocery store by folks using reloadable gift cards. Our secondary source is a generous group of donors who respond quarterly and/or annually.

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/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Reverend Mary A. Hulst

February 26, 2016

ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant Application - Mission Statement

MISSION STATEMENT OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF DENVER

The mission of Calvary Baptist Church of Denver is to be a Christ-like community that experiences and shares God's love. Calvary fulfills its mission through loving God, loving others and serving the world."

Mary Hulst



February 26, 2016

Greetings,

During my years as Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church of Denver, I talked with countless numbers of people who came into the building seeking help. I found those conversations and sessions frustrating and troubling, for I rarely felt like I spent the necessary time, nor did I have the resources, to give the kind of help that was really needed.

Following my retirement, I was away from the church for several years. During a time of extreme transition in 2013 Anne Scalfaro, current Senior Pastor, asked me to serve as a Pastoral Associate as new staff was being hired.

During that period, I had opportunity to revisit our method of helping homeless and needy folks in our neighborhood who came into the church seeking assistance. Out of a time of brainstorming with the staff, The Bootstraps and Blessings Community Outreach Ministry was born. A description of this ministry is attached to our application for an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant. We opened on a very limited basis in February of 2013. Our volunteer staff of counselors has grown to 26. The number of clients to whom we have given assistance now stands at 468. Counting the number of people in the households of our clients, we have touched 1268 lives. One hundred and fifty two of our clients are homeless.

We are grateful for your attention to our application.

Blessings,

Mary Hulst

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Bootstraps and Blessings Community Outreach Ministry Budget - 2016

Anticipated Annual Income

King Soopers City Market Neighborhood Reward Program	\$6600.00
Albertsons Safeway Reward Program	\$ 90.00
Regular Donors	<u>\$1000.00</u>
	\$7690.00

Anticipated Annual Expenses

Gift Cards in \$5 increments given to our clients \$500 per month	\$6000.00
Bus Pass Books @23.50 /10 ride book \$117.50 per month	\$1410.00
Printing of flyers and brochures	<u>\$ 280.00</u>
	\$7690.00

Budget Narrative

This ministry is totally supported by reloadable gift cards used by Calvary members at local King Sooper Grocery Stores and Safeway. We receive 5% of every dollar spent by our members at Kings Soopers each month and 3% of every dollar spent by our members at Safeway each month. Budget projections based on the last six months . Kings Soopers Income 1/16 - \$722.20, 12/15 - \$540.40, 11/15 - \$514.80, 10/15 - 600.10, 9/15 - 549.50, 8/15 - \$661.65 Safeway Income 1/16 - \$12.00, 12/15 - \$19.50, 11/15 - 15.00, 10/15 - 6.00, 9/15 - \$27.00, 8/15 - 19.50.

Regular Donor gifts at the beginning of this year = \$1400.50

BOOTSTRAPS AND BLESSINGS – A COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Pulling ourselves up by the bootstraps is a term generally thought to reflect frontier independence and an ability to get ourselves on track by our own effort. It is, however, difficult to pull yourself up.

Thurgood Marshall once said, “None of us got where we are solely by pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps. We got here because somebody...bent down and helped us pick up our boots. “

BOOTSTRAPS AND BLESSINGS is a ministry that seeks to give that help by giving emergency assistance while at the same time providing resources and help to navigate the systems that can get life back on track. By welcoming those in need into our midst and giving assistance, we are practicing Christian hospitality and there is blessing in that. By sharing time and resources we are offering blessing to those we help. A blessing is a circle of light that surrounds a person with protection, healing and strength.

There are many biblical texts to undergird this ministry – Jesus words, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:40

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Mark 12:31

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

There is a quote to undergird this ministry – “Give someone a fish and you have fed him/her for today. Teach them to fish and you have fed them for a lifetime.”

People of faith can help with that “pulling up by the bootstraps” process, or to mix metaphors, “teach someone to fish”

A team of volunteers is trained to meet with those who come in. We are open for parts of two days a week– Tuesday mornings from 9:30 am-noon and Thursday afternoon from 1:30-4 pm. Two volunteers work together when we are open

The ministry is supported financially by Kings Soopers Reloadable cards and the same from Safeway. We receive 5% of every dollar our congregation spends on food and gas at those stores.

Immediate assistance to be given

Food certificates for Kings Soopers in \$5 increments. Usual gifts \$15-20

Bus passes with RTD and maps of the city bus routes

“To Go” food bags for emergency meal assistance-The congregation donates food for the bags. Bags contain, a jar of peanut butter, a sleeve of ritz crackers, breakfast bars, raisins, fruit snacks, cookies, water and capri sun drink.

Packets that describe the best long term help and educational resources available in the community

A counselors help with navigating the resources and public phone at Calvary to make calls

Records are carefully kept of assistance given to our visitors and interviews that are conducted