

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." The donor's primary concern is to help ameliorate poverty. ABCUSA will distribute grants of up to \$5,000 semi-annually as long as the generosity of this donor continues. A panel will select recipients 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.

1. General Information:

Organization Name Hungry for Change
Affiliation with ABCUSA Student organization at Ottawa University
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2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement
- Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement

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 unknown

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$4,000

6. Your other funding source(s) student senate, fundraisers

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) Sandra Marlatte Date 2/25/13

Printed Name/Title sandra Marlatte, Adwse Advisor, Instructor in
Social and Behavioral Sciences

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 to:
Mission Resource Development
American Baptist Churches USA
P.O. Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851
Or emailed to: Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org



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Hungry for Change
Ottawa University

Hungry for Change is a student organization at Ottawa University. Our focus is on hunger, both domestic and worldwide. We are only in our second year as an organization, but are expanding our efforts from food drives for local pantries and packaging food for starving people abroad, to working with Communities in Schools to address hunger with school children and their families. There is no homeless shelter or feeding program other than 2 food pantries, and little section 8 housing in Ottawa. Yet, two of the elementary schools have 80% of the students who qualify for free or reduced lunch and the other elementary school has over 50% who qualify. This semester 196 school children have been identified as homeless.

Hunger has been identified as the biggest problem at the middle school and high school by the Communities in Schools coordinators in those schools. Approximately 150 of the elementary students receive backsnacks from Harvesters for the weekend with more needed. The school district has not done the paperwork for the middle school and high school to be identified as Title 1 schools, even though at least 70% of the students are in need of free or reduced meals and most of these students do not want to be identified as needing the free meals. Hungry for Change would like to provide nutritious snacks for the middle school and high school as well as start a program to provide a hot meal at least once a week to at least 5 families. We are currently working on the logistics of doing this. What we can do as college students is limited by time and money. Right now we will have to rely on fundraising and donations for anything that we do. If we had \$2000 to buy snacks and other food as well as \$2000 to pay a student for 8 – 10 hours a week to be in charge of the program, we could do a lot to alleviate hunger for school children in Ottawa, Kansas. This would help those students be more successful in school with a greater chance of staying in school and raising themselves out of poverty.

As a student organization, we don't have an annual report and we are not sure of the cost of this project but, we are committed to making a difference and doing what we can to alleviate hunger and poverty. Knowing we have some money to get started on this project would mean we could get started.

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Proposed Ottawa School Children and Families Feeding Program

The idea for this project was developed in meetings with the Communities in Schools coordinators for the Ottawa Middle and High School. The coordinator for the high school is also the homeless coordinator for USD 290. Their job is to help keep students in school using resources available as needed on an individual case basis. The biggest problem they have identified is food insecurity. The best way they have found at this point to address this is to provide healthy snacks in a subtly monitored bowl that is available for the food insecure students which is available sporadically when they receive a small donation and are able to buy snack bars at Walmart. Hungry for Change would like to be able to provide them with regular healthy snacks for those students who are eating lunch at school and have limited food available at home.

In an attempt to help in a more substantial way by providing a hot meal for families with students in the schools, elementary through high school, the homeless coordinator suggested we start with 5 families that she would identify as having the greatest need. There are families living in motels and others living in homes where utilities have been shut off, often on their way to homelessness.

The following is a proposed budget for this project.

\$75.00 per week x 14 weeks = \$1050 for healthy snacks (granola bars, fruit, nuts, etc.) for middle school and high school

\$50 per week x 20 weeks = \$1000 to provide a hot meal once a week for 5 families with children

\$100 per week (10 hours a week at \$10 per hour) for 20 weeks = \$2000 for student intern to be in charge of both aspects of this project. The intern would be responsible for shopping for food as well as soliciting donations of food, supplies, and money to supplement the above mentioned request, plan meals, coordinate volunteers and work with the Communities in Schools Coordinators to identify needs and families and maintain records of money spent and people served.

Constitution

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Universities Fighting World Hunger-OU Chapter

Vision: To make fighting hunger a core value within Ottawa University

Mission: Encourage students, faculty, and the community to join the fight against domestic and global hunger through service and programming that highlight our vision and goals.

Goals:

- 1) To raise hunger awareness and consciousness-raising
- 2) Fundraising
- 3) Advocacy
- 4) Academic Initiatives

Leadership Committee:

Victoria Gordon

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