

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 a direct relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or Region will be considered per 12 month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or Region, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information

Church or Region:

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA:

Ministry or Group receiving these funds:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Federal Tax ID#:

Contact person:

Email:

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. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

5. Total cost of the project:

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant:

7. Your other funding source(s):

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.

Application submitted by:

Date:

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; September 1 for grants distributed on October 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

See the following information and instructions for more details.

Matthew 25 Grant Proposal from Calvary Baptist Church of Norristown

Every Monday of the calendar year, a group of dedicated volunteers prepares and serves a nutritious hot meal to approximately 60-90 individuals. The meal is served between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM. The hearty meal is sponsored by the Outreach team of Calvary Baptist Church of Norristown at Marshall Street and Haws Avenue in Norristown. It is called **WELCOME** Lunch (West End Lunch at Calvary On Monday for Everyone). We serve almost 4000 meals a year and have been doing so since April 1992.

The program is partially subsidized through CADCOM, a Montgomery County agency that provides free food to soup kitchens. Other funds come from monetary donations by Calvary Baptist Church members and occasional donations from other churches in Norristown. We are indebted to our volunteers who prepare and serve the noonday meal. They are dedicated individuals who give of their time, talents, and energy each week.

Every effort is made to serve a full hot meal to each person in need. We try to serve a protein, a starch, and a vegetable to all, in addition to a beverage, a fruit, and a dessert. Giant Food Store in King of Prussia provides us with bread and desserts each week.

Our needs are great and our funds are limited. The recent Pennsylvania budget crisis demonstrated to us just how narrow the margin is between accomplishing our mission to feed those in need and financially not being able to meet that obligation. We could not order from CADCOM until the budget crisis was settled. Our dedicated and talented staff found ways to stretch what food we still had in our cupboard.

The dwindling size of the Calvary Baptist congregation has impacted the number and size of the donations that we can depend on to help finance the WELCOME mission. This problem is also compounded by larger numbers of people depending on us for a hot nutritious meal.

CADCOM does not provide for all of our needs to meet our Monday WELCOME obligations. We must use available funds to buy sugar, milk, coffee, filters, creamer, napkins, plastic utensils, aluminum foil, dishwasher powder, paper plates, diabetic desserts, condiments and spices. Butter and eggs are not available from CADCOM and must be purchased with other funds. The prices of the above mentioned necessities have risen over the recent years. Even though the Giant Food Store has been a blessing in terms of breads and desserts, there are times when the breadbox is somewhat sparse.

Even though WELCOME serves a full satisfying meal, the meal may not always be as healthy and nutritious as we should be serving. For example, most of the fruits come from a can rather than good fresh unadulterated fresh picked inventory. Of course, fresh

fruit costs more but it is full of healthy sweetness rather than lying in heavy sugar syrup. The same can be said of fresh vegetables.

Protein is an important part of any nutritious meal and leaner protein is often somewhat more expensive. We would like to serve less processed meats and more of the leaner cuts of pork, chicken, and beef.

Drinks are usually iced tea sweetened with sugar. This beverage is not good for our clients, many of whom have poor dental health. The sugar-free drinks often cost more but would be healthier. During the summer many families come to WELCOME Lunch. It would be more beneficial to the health of the children if we could afford to serve them milk.

Some of our clients are not homeless and have jobs, but often those jobs pay below minimum wage. Our meals help them make their meager salary go further.

Therefore, we are requesting your consideration of our proposal so we can continue our Christian mission to help feed the homeless and housed poor here at Calvary Baptist Church of Norristown.

WELCOME (Soup Kitchen					
	Balance	Debit	Date	Income	Date
Starting Balance 02/05/2015	\$1,462.19				
Food and supplies		\$248.69	4/26/2015		
Food		\$72.17	6/1/2015		
Food and supplies		\$424.51	8/5/2015		
				\$20	5/1/2015
	\$736.82				
Food and supplies		\$171.12	9/1/2015		
				\$15	9/1/2015
	\$580.70				
Food		\$84.00			
Food		\$40.10			
	\$455.90				
				\$270	12/1/2015
Ending Balance 12/31/2015	\$725.90				

Food purchases include: tossed green salad fixings, salad dressings, coffee, iced tea mix, milk, sugar, coffee creamer, salt & pepper, gravy mix, chili mix, hot dog rolls, etc.

Supplies include paper products, plastic ware, hot and cold cups, dishwasher detergent.