

## 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: The Church of the Redeemer Baptist Women's Ministry\_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation with ABCUSA: American Baptist Church\_\_\_\_\_

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Contact person Rev. Valerie Andrews\_\_\_\_\_email vandrews@thechurchoftheredeembaptist.org\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\$13,725.00\_\_\_\_\_

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

6. Your other funding source(s)\_\_\_The Church of the Redeemer Baptist\_\_\_\_\_

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)\_Valerie Andrews\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_08/30/2013\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name/Title\_Valerie Andrews (Church Business  
Manager)\_\_\_\_\_

**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](mailto:beth.fogg@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



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### **Mission Statement:**

*The Women's Ministry of the Church of the Redeemer Baptist, is a ministry devoted to community activities and affairs; to embrace and enrich the total life of humankind spiritually, economically, educationally, socially, morally and politically.*

### **Financial Statement of the Women's Ministry:**

*The Women's Ministry at the Church of the Redeemer Baptist, has a \$600 yearly budget, which is allocated to its annual Women's/Mother's Day celebration. However, the ministry continues to sponsor programs and events for women, children and men, by partnering with local agencies and ministries of the Church of the Redeemer. This past May, for example, we hosted a Women and Girls Health Fair, targeting African-American and Hispanic women and girls. Approximately 100 guests attended, and there were more than 30+ health professionals as vendors. We used part of our budget to help advertise, and the other portion was used on Mother's Day to purchase gifts for the women in the community and congregation. The project was financially supported by the Office on Women's Health, and underwritten by various ministries of the church.*

*The Women's Ministry has a successful record of developing and implementing programs that have proven to positively impact its community. From Community Fairs to Christmas celebrations for shelters housing women and children, this ministry seeks to meet the needs of the "whole person". As a ministry, we have intentionally contributed to our community regardless of whether there was funding in our budget, or a "0" balance.*

## **USE OF REQUESTED FUNDS:**

*The Church of the Redeemer is located in the Point Breeze section of South Philadelphia. Over the past several years, Redeemer has continued to extend its hands to this community. Today, we are facing a crisis with the Philadelphia Public School, which has threatened to leave the doors of some schools closed. With this in mind, the Women's Ministry has made a decision to provide an Afterschool Program for children in grades 4-8 who will be affected.*

*If our children are to be successful, we believe the church must take an active role in providing services that will enhance their education. We propose to have an Afterschool Program that will include **Reading and Financial Literacy** for children. In addition to the children in our community, we will target the McDaniel Elementary School; one of which we have supported yearly (i.e., financial donations, purchasing of school uniforms, etc...). This project will be done in partnership with one-on-one assistance of our Senior Saints ministry and other retired volunteers.*

*Many of the children at the McDaniel School, are below reading level, and live below the poverty level. This Afterschool Program will provide motivation to build up reading skills, and offer tutoring support on other subject matters. We also want to introduce Financial Literacy, with the hope and expectation to instill into them that "poverty" does not have to be the final answer to their lives. If a child can learn to read, s/he can experience limitless possibilities! Likewise, if they can learn there is NEVER enough money for everything they may want, financial literacy at this age, can perhaps, help them to decide what is important to them.*

**TOTAL COST OF PROJECT: \$13,725**

**AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM MATTHEW 25 GRANT: \$5,000**

<b>Budget Line Item</b>	<b>COLUMN "A" ABCUSA Contributions (\$)</b>	<b>COLUMN "B" REDEEMER Contributions (\$)</b>	<b>COLUMN "C" COSTS (\$) (Columns A+B)</b>
Educational Materials (Reading Books, Children's Financial Books, DVD's, etc..)	\$1, 200.00	Weekly use of CD/DVD Player, Screen, Laptop, etc) (In-Kind Church Use- \$1,000.00)	\$2,200.00
Physical Activity Equipment	\$500.00	N/A	\$500.00
Art Supplies	\$300.00	N/A	\$300.00
Guest Consultants: a) Reading Specialists x 2 @ \$225 each; b) Banker @ \$225 c) Financial Specialist @ \$225	\$900.00	N/A	\$900.00
Trip to Federal Reserve (Church Van Rental)	\$100.00	In-Kind Church Van Driver \$150.00	\$250.00
Trip to Philadelphia Community College (Church Van Rental)	\$100.00	In-Kind Church Van Driver \$150.00	\$250.00
Printing & Copying/Advertising	\$700.00	In-Kind Support of Business Manager \$250.00	\$950.00
Nutritional Snacks/Beverages	\$500.00	N/A	\$500.00
Closing Award Ceremony (Food, decorations, speaker, gifts for children, etc)	\$700.00	Women's and Senior Saints Ministries Monetary Donation \$300	\$1,000.00
OTHER	N/A	In-Kind Church use of Education Center (Banquet Hall, 2 classrooms, play yard, kitchen, security staff, etc...) \$6,875.00	\$6,875.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,725.00</b>	<b>\$13,725.00</b>

