

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

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1. General Information:

Organization Name Samaritan Neighborhood Center  
Affiliation with ABCUSA Ministry started by the First Baptist Church of Oakland, CA  
Address 534 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Oakland, CA 94612  
Phone 510-832-4328 Federal Tax ID# 94-3243478  
Contact person Steven Reimer email sncenter@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 \$160,000

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

6. Your other funding source(s) Individual pledges & donations and private foundation grants.

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) Steven Reimer Date 8/27/14

Printed Name/Title Steven Reimer, Executive Director

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.



## 1) Specific Purpose that ABCUSA Matthew 25 funds would be used:

Our Student Tutorial Endeavor Program (STEP) is a year round after school and summer program that provides educational, recreational and mentoring programs for low income children and youth in West Oakland. Through STEP we become an additional parent in the lives of these young people to give them support, guidance and encouragement so that their education is the foundation to their success in life. There are no fees for the children and youth we serve.

Our request is for \$5,000.

We would use these funds to further enhance STEP with the digital mobile component:

### ***Back-to-Basics+Plus with iPad, iPad Mini and iPad Air***

***Our Back-to-Basics+Plus with iPad last year was a huge success. Our STEP students achieving a 3.00 or higher GPA in school skyrocketed from 40% to 74% and we attribute that increase to the use of the iPads. The iPads were so popular that even our lazy students outperformed! Will we see this large increase next year? Most likely not, but we want to increase the use of iPads and plan on purchasing the latest models from now on.***

Last year we bought mostly used iPads off eBay and by the end of the year had a dozen. These purchases were possible due to SNJM grant money and with some adjustments in our program expenditures. With the upcoming school year of 2014-15 we plan to purchase at least six of the latest versions of the iPad Air or iPad Mini.

Three years ago we implemented our Back-toBasics+Plus component for our STEP students: Daily requirement: 20 minutes of reading, 20 minutes of writing/typing, 20 minutes of math PLUS 20-30 minutes of recreation or physical exercise in our gym and our Weights & Exercise room. Activities include basketball, kickball, hockey, running races and relays, doing push-ups, chin-ups, etc..., and some minor weight lifting. Last year we started using iPads to monitor exercise results of each student and now we are doing the academics, reference, digital arts and student assessments with iPads.

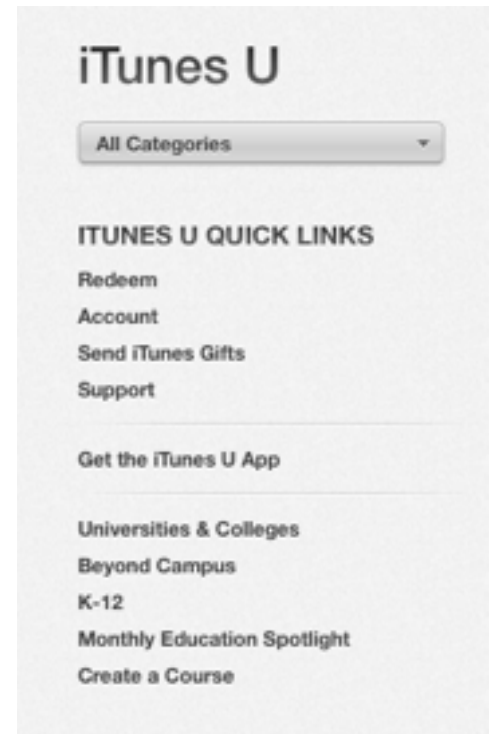
There are thousands and thousands of apps but Apple's iTunes store has them in categories such as News, Lifestyle, Business, Reference, Education and so on. Going to the Education collection you get this screen:



In addition, through the iPad use our staff and students have rediscovered Podcasts and iTunes U, both of which are part of iTunes. The iTunes U interface has education categories for our older teens, college bound students as well as for all grades K-12. Within each topic are dozens of subjects and you have the option of concise summaries or full reference works.

We are all simply having a great time exploring and learning, and thanks to the “cloud” all the iPads are synced and kept up-to-date automatically! We have also converted one of our music studios to a “Podcast Studio” so students can role play speaking and interviewing all while *actually* learning about a particular topic or issue.

We plan to keep on this digital path that is grounded in both education and health/exercise. Our goal for each student is to mix the digital realm with traditional educational components of reading, writing, math and being active. Successful students have healthy bodies and creative brains!







## SAMARITAN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

### *"Student Tutorial Endeavor Program"*

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## Our Mission Statement

To provide a diverse program that adequately meets  
the educational, physical, emotional and  
social needs of children-at-risk,  
in order to promote their sense of well-being  
and their potential to break the cycle of poverty.





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