

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. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or organization, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information:
Organization Name Centro de Servicios Abriendo Nuevos Surcos
Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to) First Baptist Church Humacao, P.R.
Mailing Address PO Box 9161
Humacao, P.R. 00791
Phone (787) 285-6334 Federal Tax ID# 66-0742331
Contact person Concepción García email abriendo nuevos surcos@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 \$12,220.00
5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5,000.00
6. Your other funding source(s) First Baptist Church of Humacao (PIBH) and donations

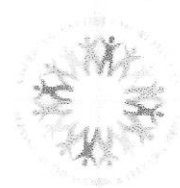
I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed) _____ Date _____

Printed Name/Title Concepción García Vélez - 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 Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



MISSION STATEMENT

The First Baptist Church of Humacao is located at the east area of Puerto Rico and has focused the ministerial strengths toward evangelization, internal and external mission and to attend the needs inherent to the community of this region, in order to who God's mercy. In 2010 we develop the Center "Abriendo Nuevos Surcos" (Open New Grooves), whose mission is contribute to the strengthening of the family and community by providing support and coordination of serves to promote the individual, family and community wellness of our country. The personnel that provide services are volunteers. The services are free of charge.

Our church has a food bank that has been in service since 2006. Once our center Abriendo Nuevos Surcos opened, the food bank became part of our tasks. We also provide second hand clothing. The Center serves the family and community where we are located, and the population referred by Humacao municipality offices, other agencies and organizations in Humacao and bordering towns.

BUDGET	GRANT	CONTRIBUTIONS	INKIND	Project Grand Total
STAFF				
Interviewers	- 0 -	- 0 -	\$5,220.00	
Supplies				
Food Donations		\$1,000.00		
Food & Nutritional	\$3,600.00			
Supplements	\$1,400.00			
Articles for personal use				
Others				
Facilities and Storage		\$ 600.00		
Responsibility		\$ 400.00		
Insurance				
Sub-Total	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,220.00	\$12,220.00

HOW DO YOU PLAN TO USE THE REQUESTED FUNDS? HOW WILL THE FUNDS SPECIFICALLY ASSIST INDIVIDUALS BATTLING POVERTY AND ITS EFFECTS?

We are facing a growing need for help, including food, in the community as result of Puerto Rico financial crisis: unemployment, reduction of work hours and increase in taxes among others. Our country has an increasingly elderly population; every three persons are over 50. Most of the elderly population is low income with no earnings, Social Security or retirement pension that barely covers their needs of housing, clothing, food and medical expenses.

The statistics of the Federal Program Assistance for Nutrition (PAN) by municipalities reveals that at November 2014, at least 36% of the population of Puerto Rico municipalities receives benefits of PAN. The faces of the families receiving PAN are low income women heads of household with children and elders with low income. Despite of PAN benefits over 500,000 individuals suffers hungry in Puerto Rico and the Food Bank of P.R. and non-profit organizations covers only 110,000 people with emergency food supplies for a few days.

U.S. Census 2010 data reveals that 45% of Puerto Rico population is below poverty level and for Humacao it is the 43% of the municipality residents. Also, the U.S. Census data reveals that east and central zone of Puerto Rico register the highest poverty level, so the access to work, health, education and housing of the people is limited.

The Center food bank was functioning thru the monthly donations of the church members, but the economic upheaval of our times also hit our church finances and the food bank was kept up thru yearly donations by submitted proposals to community business and food donations of outside community entities. Although our supplies are limited it still blessing many families and some homeless and older adults.

Keeping in mind the needs of the population served, our Center "Abriendo Nuevos Surcos" (Open New Grooves) propose utilize the grant to continue the work of our food bank by purchasing of non perishable foods and supplement drinks for distribution. Also, as part of our work providing second hands clothing to families, we identify the need of underwear clothing. So we also propose to purchase with the grant a supply of underwear clothing, diapers (adults) and some hygiene items as articles for personal use.