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.			
	Organization Name Mounds Baptist Church		
	Affiliation with ABCUSA ABCUSA IN/KY Region Church		
	Address 3001 Mounds Rd Anderson IN 46016		
	Phone 765-642-5416 Federal Tax ID# 35-1056671		
	Contact person Pastor Steve Wilkinson email pastorsteve@moundsbaptist.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 individual battling poverty and its effects? (Please submit on separate sheet. Maximum of one page.)		
4.	Total cost of the project \$9,350		
5.	Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5,000 or whatever is available		
6.	Your other funding source(s) <u>local businesses</u> , <u>Individuals</u> , <u>Auctions/Vendor booths proceeds</u> from the day of event.		
I certif	y that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use		
	anted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo		
	six months of receipt of the grant.		
(Signe	1) Kathleen Akuchenbauer Date February 27, 2014		
	Name/Title Kathleen Kirchenbauer Secretary		

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 <u>beth.fogg@abc-usa.org</u>.
 Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



Matthew 25 grant application

Grant Needs: 5,000 or whatever is available.

Mounds Baptist Church is situated in the middle of Anderson, IN, a city that has been hard hit by economic decline and high unemployment. Our school system has undergone challenging struggles in meeting their budget and dealing with a greater population of low income families. School officials have shared with us that approximately 70% of the children in our school system qualify for free or reduced meals.

Our church has sponsored a Back to School Summer Festival, here in the city, for the last 3 years. Each year we have provided games and food, free of charge – a much needed day of encouragement and unity for struggling families. But even more importantly, when these children play the games, they receive tickets that they turn in that day in order to receive free school supplies. A wide variety of school supplies are made available and most children go home with the classroom supplies they need. We are told by school social workers that for the first time in many years after we started our give-a-way program, that children were coming to school on their first day prepared with what they needed to start classes.

Each year our attendance has grown — last summer we estimated 8,000 children and adults were a part of the event. Each year our need for school supplies has also risen. Last year for the first time, we had to turn children away because we ran out of supplies.

How marvelous an opportunity to share the love of Christ with our community, but the need is great and getting greater. We truly could use additional financial assistance to reach more of our community's needs. We would love for you to join with us as together we have the privilege of extending the hands and feet of Jesus into our community.

MOUNDS BAPTIST PURPOSE STATEMENT

Church is to be a safe haven where we take care of each other by being united in Jesus, the authority of the Bible, and praying for the needs of others. Everyone is invited to come as they are, happy or sad. We will pray for our church leaders in the fight against Satan's temptations and protect each other from self-centered people. Because there is a heaven and a hell, job one is to win lost people to the saving forgiveness of Jesus Christ. We realize that not everyone will choose Jesus, but we will not let this discourage us. It is our vision to be a church that equips people to grown in the power of prayer, bible study, and church involvement. We seek people who want to be part of our church family and enjoy God's love with a laugh and a smile.

2014 Back To School Budget

School Supplies	\$7,000.00
Games	600.00
Food	400.00
Water	650.00
Gas Cards	100.00
Park Rental	50.00
Office Supplies	200.00
Misc. Supplies	200.00
Porta-potties	150.00

Total Budget \$9,350.00