

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: **Bondage Breakers, Inc. (A Prison Reentry Organization)**

Affiliation with ABCUSA_: **As of 2012 BBI is part of the American Baptist Home Mission Society and its Director has been affiliated with the ABCUSA for more than 28 years.**

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2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement (**attached**)
- 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. (**attached**)

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.) (**attached**)

4. Total cost of the project **\$10,475.00**

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

6. Your other funding source(s) **Akron Bar Foundation (to be submitted 3/28/14)**

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) **Dr. Alicia J. Malone, Founder & Executive Director** Date **February 28, 2014**

Printed Name/Title **Dr. Alicia J. Malone – Founder & 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. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



2. (a) MISSION STATEMENT

Bondage Breakers, Inc. established in 1991 as a non-profit, faith-based 501 c(3) organization mission is dedicated to breaking the educational and economic barriers that bind many of the social and cultural disadvantaged. We are committed to serve children of incarcerated parents through programming, including support services and guidance to assist the re-entry population in making a successful transition back into community.

2 (b) FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR The (P.E.E.R)MINISTRY *Purpose Education Empowerment Restoration*):

PROJECTED BUDGET

A. Camp (education via grounds) *Koinonia*

- a. Registration.....\$7,500.00 @ 300.00 per child
 - i. Activities:
 - 1. Paintball Camp.....\$25.00 per child \$625.00
 - 2. Horseback riding.....\$20.00 per child = \$500.00
 - 3. Day/Night Hikes.....no cost
 - 4. Camp fires.....no cost
 - b. Meals.....\$800.00
- B. Transportation.....\$100.00
- C. Workshop Materials.....\$250.00
- D. Snack Shack.....\$20.00 per child = \$500.00
- E. Conference-Educators.....\$200.00

Total Projected Cost \$ 10,475.00

3. HOW FUNDS WILL BE USED TO ASSIST POVERTY AND ITS EFFECTS:

Disadvantaged, poverty stricken children have little to no financial support, within the home. As a result, many of these children are caught in the vortex of abhorrent, deviant behavior which spirals in the home, education centers, extracurricular settings, church and into the community. BBI, has found that one on one mentoring through various modes has proven to be successful. Our primary measurement is based on “changed behavior.” Being a faith-based organization, we have introduced “hands-on” opportunity through a recreational environment to achieve our purposes.

The effect of behavior change has reduced recidivism on a local level with the juvenile population wherein BBI’s program exist. During CY 2012-2013 528 teenage males received mentoring service, wherein 7 were recidivist or returned within that time frame. During the same CY 2012-2013, 172 teenage girls were mentored, bi-weekly and 6 were recidivist. These numbers represent a success rate on a very local level, as compared to the overall state and national, and we are proud of the effort and the number.

Camping has a culture all of its own. It is through personal and inter-personal interaction, our children begin to let down the false “faces” and realize that someone is willing to invest in them. Since most children of incarcerated parents are riddled with angst and fear because of their environment, camp presents for the one week a safe haven. It presents a place where the children can be embraced with love, care, soberness, acceptance education, tutelage and “no fear of abandonment” for one week.

Bondage Breakers, Inc. has been eyewitnesses to the transformational change “camp” has provided for these poverty-stricken, disenfranchised children over the last thirteen years: *2 children have gone on to college; 1 teenager is now in the National Guard and as of 2014 has married; another 16 year old has been offered through a school program a job in Washington D.C. working as a student liaison in the Legislation Department; another (a senior this year) is on her way to college and has already been accepted by Delta Sigma Theta.* These are just a few positive reports that BBI can render to support the “effects” of wading through “poverty” through mentoring, recreation, education and restoration. The funds will assist in providing “teachable, training moments” that will have a lifetime effect, without the stress, and strain of the abuses that occur within this population.