

The Christian Neighborhood Center of Norwich, dba The Place
ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant Application

General Information:

Organization Name: The Christian Neighborhood Center of Norwich, Inc. dba The Place
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Mission Statement:

The Place is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides programming for Chenango County youth. Our programs are designed to provide youth Kindergarten to 25 years of age with hands-on experiences that encourage continued learning and growth through each stage of their life.

How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

Backpack programs are a wonderful way for a church to make a difference in the lives of children in their community. The First Baptist Church) is requesting funds to help develop and initiate a School Backpack Program which will be managed by The Christian Neighborhood Center of Norwich, Inc. dba The Place. This School Backpack program will be for school age children, K-5th grade. These children come from families that are on a limited income and/or live below poverty. The Place is located in Norwich, NY, in Chenango County. The city of Norwich is the county seat where the largest segment of the population (7,190 or 14.2%) resides. Chenango County is a poor county with 16% of its population living below the Federal Poverty Level and 26% of all of its children living in poverty. The number of children ages 0-17 years who are living below the poverty level increased from 18.6% in 2005 to 26% in 2011, an increase of 7.4%.

These backpacks will include items like backpacks, pens and pencils, crayons and markers, spiral notebooks, etc. All the backpacks will be gender neutral and character-free. The backpacks will be distributed through The Place to children so they may access the education needed to battle poverty and enable them to go to school without a disadvantage, with their own school supplies and essentials. With funding from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant, we can give impoverished children a chance at success by providing them with the tools necessary for a complete education. The Place hopes to provide backpacks and school supplies to 96 children, as part of their focus on preparing and enabling low-income children and their families to succeed in school.

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Total cost of the project:

Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$2,789.76

Standard Backpacks and Supplies	cost/unit	Quantity	Total
Backpacks	\$5.58	96	\$535.68
Folders (3 in each backpack)	\$0.28	288	\$80.64
Notebooks (2/backpack)	\$1.80	192	\$345.60
1 Pkg Pencils	\$3.79	96	\$363.84
1 Pkg Crayons	\$2.85	96	\$273.60
1 Pkg Markers	\$5.48	96	\$526.08
1 Scissors	\$1.69	96	\$162.24
Glue Sticks (4/package)	\$2.08	96	\$199.68
1 Pkg Post It Notes	\$1.35	96	\$129.60
1 Pencil Pouch (that contains a ruler, eraser & pencil sharpener)	\$1.66	96	\$159.36
Pens (2/backpack)	\$0.07	192	\$13.44

TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED: \$2,789.76

Your other funding source(s):

In-kind

The Place staff to purchase items and prepare backpacks for distribution

3 Staff Members for 10 hours \$400

Total Project costs: \$3,289.76