

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 Samaritan Neighborhood Center
Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to) First Baptist Church of Oakland, CA
Address 534 – 22nd 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 8/27/2015

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 Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

Specific Purpose that ABCUSA Matthew 25 funds would be used:

SNC's 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 our STEP program by updating our education and exercise components with the theme of a "tech startup".

Recent news reports have focused on the need for California's Silicon Valley tech companies to diversify their employee ranks..., which are overwhelmingly male and mostly white. Silicon Valley companies are starting to address this issue. The new Kapor Center for Social Impact building is scheduled to open in Oakland's Uptown neighborhood. The new building is designed to be a hub for hackathons, networking and educational summits. The Kapor Center will be two blocks from First Baptist and SNC! There's a plaque hanging on one of our walls that has the following quote: "If you are not riding the wave of change, then you will find yourself beneath it!" We are going to do our part to "ride this tech wave" of diversity and opportunity by taking part in the community events sponsored by these new resources and educational opportunities. We hope that by making both subtle and dramatic changes in our STEP program rooms we will accomplish our mission of providing educational tools and resources to augment what our students get from their schools and home situation. Our approach will be to simulate some of the characteristics of a startup company in today's tech heavy world. A typical "tech startup" provides a variety of benefits and perks to keep their employees happy and refreshed, so much so that they often don't feel the need to leave! The employees enjoy state of the art technology, a variety of work spaces, food and snacks, along with exercise areas and fun activity spaces. SNC's plan:

New Presentation and "Pitch" Room: This room will be for our STEP students to take advantage of a "sounding board atmosphere" to present projects from their school class assignments. These can be like a research paper or oral report, a Power Point project, an art, photo or video project and more. The presentation will be to a small group of their peers and an adult tutor for positive critiques and feed back. This room will be available for student study groups. It will also be used by our evening peer groups to simulate "pitching an idea" and/or brainstorming for new innovation, new software or "app" ideas.

Newly remodeled Recreation and Activity Room: One room will be furnished with recreational and fun options such as a pool table, foosball table, handmade table shuffle board, dart board, arcade style basketball and a video arcade game that uses an iPad that has versions of "old school" arcade games. We will add a repurposed 1950's orange sofa from the church to finish off the room's decor!

Newly expanded Weights & Exercise Room: Years ago a former Olympian athlete donated various free weights and weight lifting equipment to SNC. This equipment is great and now we plan to add a variety of equipment that one would find in any of today's health clubs or gyms: stationary bike, spin cycle, resistance and stretching chair system, plyometric step and jumping boxes, punching bags and boxing gloves, jump ropes, medicine balls, low weight dumbbell set, and a Weider Power Tower for pull-ups, forearm lifts and more.

Thanks to the support of last year's ABCUSA Matthew 25 grant we have been able to take advantage of the technological advances of today with the use of high speed internet, mobile digital tech, iPads in particular, to augment our academic and physical health components of the STEP program. We believe that technology is a vital tool in the educational and healthy development of our low income students who deserve equal access to careers in computer science, software creating, coding, and hardware development. Nevertheless, all these areas require a solid foundation in the basics of education: reading, writing and math. This what we preach to our students all the time! Learn your fundamentals...in fact, **excel** in your academic fundamentals and then make sure you take time for physical recreation and exercise to promote a sense of personal wholeness and social responsibility. We believe that success takes work and we push our STEP students to achieve the best possible results in their school life and eventually their careers.



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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.

