

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 Strengthening Families Program of Overland Park
Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to) First Baptist Church of Overland Park
Mailing Address 8200 W. 96th St
Overland Park KS 66212
Phone 913-642-3478 Federal Tax ID# 48-0640798
Contact person Rev. Jessica Williams email Jessica@qpfbc.org

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 \$ 20,550

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$ 1,750

6. Your other funding source(s) in-kind donations and ABCCR grant

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) [Signature] Date 8-31-15

Printed Name/Title Rev. Jessica C Williams

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.



Organization: First Baptist Church of Overland Park
Program : Strengthening Families Program-Overland Park (SFP-OP)
Start Date: August 2015

Mission Statement:

To reduce rates of poverty, crime, and substance abuse in the areas of the Overland Park Neighborhood Improvement Project by strengthening individual families and building up communities.

Program Description:

The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is an evidence-based prevention program for parents and children (ages 3-17) in higher risk families. SFP consists of parenting skills, children's life skills, and family skills training courses taught together in fourteen 2.5-hour group sessions preceded by a meal that includes informal family practice time and group leader coaching. SFP was designed for 14 sessions to assure sufficient dosage to promote behavior change in high risk families.

The first round of SFP in Overland Park took place in the fall of 2013 with great success and we seek to implement it each fall with increased community partnerships.

Target Area:

Families are selected from within a target area which has been identified by the City of Overland Park as the Overland Park Neighborhood Improvement Project. Neighborhoods were chosen based on high crime rates and high rates of poverty. Rates of poverty were assessed based on percentage of enrollment in the federal lunch program which provides free and reduced lunches to low and moderate income families. In the neighborhoods identified, there is an average of 70% of families that are enrolled in the federal lunch program, compared to 53% in the State of Kansas and 25% in the rest of Johnson County, Kansas.

Community Partners:

SFP-OP is a community effort with involvement from:

First Baptist Church of Overland Park
Johnson County Department of Corrections
Johnson County Mental Health Department
KVC Behavioral Health
Overland Park Police Department

Financial Statement:

Costs provided in-kind through collaborative partnership: (approximate value - \$17,550)

- Initial training of facilitators (approximate cost = \$3,500)
- Manual Duplication (approximate cost = \$300)
- Six facilitators and one site coordinator for 14 weeks (approximate cost = \$10,000)
- Host site for implementation (approximate cost = \$3,000)
- Five of the fourteen weeks of meals (approximate cost = \$750)

Additional anticipated expenses to include: (\$3,000)

- Food costs for weekly meals (up to \$1,250)
- Family Friendly activities (up to \$500)
- Supplies/Duplication for weekly program activities (up to \$500)
- Graduation expenses – food/childcare/supplies/incentives (up to \$500)
- Booster session expenses – food/childcare/supplies/incentives (up to \$250)

Other funding sources include in-kind donations from community partners and First Baptist Church of Overland Park, as well as a \$1,000 grant from American Baptist Churches of the Central Region.

The funds requested from the Matthew 25 grant will be used to provide meals for the 10 families currently enrolled in this cohort. In addition to the weekly meal provided as part of the program, families are also sent home with additional food to help them throughout the week, whenever funds are available. Additionally, some funds will be used to provide families with gift cards and supplies for family fun activities (such as going to a movie or playing board games) which they otherwise would not be able to afford.

Expected Outcomes:

SFP has been evaluated many times by independent researchers in randomized control trials or health services research with very positive results in reducing substance abuse and delinquency risk factors by improving family relationships. Outcomes include increased family strengths and resilience and reduced risk factors for problem behaviors in high risk children, including behavioral problems, emotional, academic, and social problems. SFP builds on protective factors by improving family relationships, parenting skills, and improving the youth's social and life skills.

SFP-OP assists families experiencing poverty by providing a meal each week and additional food for families to take home for the rest of the week. Also most weeks, extra groceries, toiletries, and other supplies are given to each family.

Families that participate in SFP-OP also receive wraparound services through each of the community partners represented. For example a family in the 2013 cohort experienced an apartment fire in which they lost all of their possessions. Through the connections built in SFP-OP, the family received support and care from other families in the program, as well as services through social workers and the police department, and donations from the church and other community organizations. Through building relationships with one another and with all of the community partners, families are able to receive support, help, and assistance with the day to day issues and challenges they face.