

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2017



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, 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. Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.

Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 cycle, recipients of a Spring 2016 grant are eligible to apply.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church that is applying for the grant; checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

Tab through the document to fill in all the fields below.

1. Applicant Information

Name of Church: First Baptist Church of Syracuse

Mailing Address: 5883 East Seneca Turnpike, Jamesville, NY 13078

Phone: 315 -469-2000

Federal Tax ID#: 15-0532145

Name of Region: Iroquois

Contact person (person completing this form): Cindy Kissane

Email of contact person: cskissane@gmail.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. What ministry or group will use these funds?

Mission Ministry Team-

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Please include a very brief and specific statement on how the money will be spent. For example: to purchase school supplies for 100 elementary school children; to provide summer camp scholarships for 10 children from low-income families; purchase diapers and wipes for single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

To fund our SHARE program (Summer Health-Activities- Reading Education Program), which provides summer reading , school supplies, and summer lunch materials to 50-65 children at local food pantry we partner with

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? What impact do you hope to make on the target group or community?

Research shows that children in poverty can lose several months of reading proficiency they have learned that school year, during summer vacation. The SHARE program targets the children of the local food pantry's clients to provide them with summer reading books and learning activities. The program helps these children to have access to their own books to read over vacation. We also aim to start these youngsters out feeling prepared and ready to learn in a new school year with a new backpack and the appropriate school supplies needed in their classroom. Back to school is a very expensive time for families struggling to get by. We aim to give these students tools to start off the school year successfully.

5. Total cost of the project: \$2,000.00
6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$1500.00
7. List other funding source(s): Donations from Church Members
8. Please submit along 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.

By submitting this application on behalf of (church name) FBC Syracuse, I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct. We agree to use and/or disburse any grant funds awarded for the sole purpose as described within this application. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by (name of person): CIndy Kissane (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/30/17

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline September 1. Grants will be distributed no later than October 15.
- Only electronic submissions of completed applications and supporting documents will be accepted. Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org.
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

Instructions and information for completing the 2017 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application

1. General information

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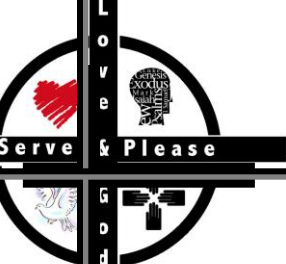
When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the church. Checks will not be made to an individual or ministry.

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Briefly describe what will be purchased with the grant funds if awarded. Be specific with the expected use of these funds. This should be a very short and specific statement on where the money will be spent, do not include a lengthy narrative of the ministry project.

You are encouraged to provide a longer description of the ministry but this additional information must be limited to no more than one page in length and submitted as an attachment.



First Baptist Church of Syracuse

To Love, Serve and Please God through In-Reach, Out-Reach and Beyond Reach

S.H.A.R.E.- Summer Health- Activities- Reading Education A Program of the Mission Ministry Team, First Baptist Church of Syracuse, NY

Mission: The SHARE Program was developed with the goal of providing summer reading materials, workbooks and additional supplementary food to the school age children whose families receive benefits from the JDEFP (Jamesville DeWitt Ecumenical Food Pantry). Our hope is that providing literacy materials to children in need has a positive effect on their desire to maintain their level of literacy throughout the summer months.

Research shows that children in poverty can lose over three months of reading proficiency they have achieved that school year, during summer vacation. By the time they are in high school, they have lost several years of growth, in comparison to their middle- class classmates. This program is a means to begin trying to change that statistic.

In addition, we aim to help every child start the new school year with a brand new backpack and school supplies. Back to school shopping is a difficult strain on low income families, and we want each child to feel confident and ready to learn in September!

Program History: I was asked to take over the SHARE program in 2010 by Pastor Scott Kavanagh. Being a teacher, I was passionate about education for all children. The first year the program was well funded, but soon grant funds ran out. Over the years, the funds available for this program have gone down, but the mission ministry team has made sure it has continued. I shop all year for clearance mark downs and take free materials to store them when offered. My teenagers help pack book packs and drive them to the pantry each summer. When the funds run low, we have made it part our family's budget to support this program.

Over the last four years, our church has been in transition with senior pastors and there has been a decline in attendance. But interest and support for this program has continued. A few times a year, opportunities are given at church to support hunger/poverty programs, and the money is spent on the SHARE program and well as providing 2-3 meals /year at a local soup kitchen in Syracuse, the Samaritan Center. Over the last few years, at Christmas we have provided children at the pantry with a "replenishment pack" of supplies to start the second semester. This past year, the director has passed out materials for children's birthdays, and packs to caregivers/grandparents to use with children they care for.

Grant money would allow us to increase the programs impact by providing more books and materials, as well as allowing the Pantry Director funds to purchase supplemental food for school-aged families who have children home during the summer. This would allow our Mission Ministry Team extra funds collected in church offerings to support an additional meals next year at the Samaritan Center, helping alleviate hunger further in our community.

Program Statistics:

2009- Program started with a grant. 45 book packs in July and 52 book packets in August, 55 backpacks and supplies distributed, plus supplemental food for school aged families.

2010- This is when I started. No grant money left. Funds from church and donations from here on out. 36 book packs in July, 52 book packs in August, 46 backpacks, supplemental food for families, Story time was offered 2 times over the summer.

2011- 63 book packets (one distribution), 53 backpacks/ school supplies

2012- Leftover materials (books, flash cards, workbooks) left out for families to take- no funds for book packs), 46 backpacks

2013- 54 book materials, 45-50 backpacks

2014- 40 book packets, 45 backpacks/school supplies

2015 and 2016- 50 book packets, 45 backpack school supplies, left books at pantry for distribution during the year and birthdays.

2017- Prepared 50 reading/activity packs, 35 backpacks distributed as of mid -August

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Kissane, SHARE Coordinator

SHARE (Summer Health- Activities -Reading Education) Program at JDEFP (Jamesville Dewitt Ecumenical Food Pantry)**SHARE Budget for 2017**

Item	Description	Info	Amount
July Reading/Activity Packs	Prepared for 45-50 children ages infant-18 years	Purchased from Dollar Tree, Discount Stores, Clearance Racks, Off Season Shopping	\$400.00
School Supply and Backpacks	Prepared for 40-50 preschool- high school students	Cash Donations, School supply and backpacks donated	\$ 300.00
January Replenishment Pack of School Supplies	50 prepared for Xmas distribution	New folder, notebook, writing utensils, tissues	\$150.00
		Total Cost	\$850.00
Income -Offering at church for Poverty/ Hunger initiatives	*Spring Up against Hunger in May *Christmas Giving Opportunities	Congregational support by cash/check donations	+ \$400
"BackPack Betty" Presentation/ Fund Drive In August	Cash Donations for school supplies and school supply donations		+\$ 300
Donations to make up difference	Personal contribution, friends at church help make up difference		+ \$ 150
		Total Income	+ \$850.00

Proposed SHARE Budget for 2018 with Grant Request

Item	Description	Info	Amount
July Reading /Book Packs	50 Children	Reading book and Activity packs- avg. 2-3 books on age level, and workbooks/flashcards/learning activities @ approx. \$12/child	\$600.00
July Supplemental Food	50 School aged children	Pantry Coordinator would be able to spend avg. \$5/child on extra food- peanut butter, tuna mac and cheese, granola bars for children home during the summer	\$250.00
August Backpack/School Supplies	50 Children	Backpack and grade appropriate school supplies @\$10 /child	\$500.00
August Supplemental Food	50 School aged children	Pantry Coordinator would be able to spend avg. \$5/child on extra food- peanut butter, tuna mac and cheese, granola bars for children home during the summer	\$250.00
Grandparent/Caregiver Packs (Books, Activity Books, Flashcard/Games)	12-15 packs	Set of Reading and learning Activities to keep at Grandparents home to work with children	\$200.00
January Replenishment Packs		New supplies for second semester (folder, paper, notebooks, writing utensils)	\$200.00
		Total Cost	\$2,000.00
Proposed Grant			+ \$1500.00
Congregational Giving			+ \$500.00
		Total Income	+ \$2000.00