

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: Micah Center of Pinellas County, Inc.

Affiliation with ABCUSA: a ministry of the American Baptist Church of the Beatitudes

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Contact person: Phil and Janel Miller-Evans email: micahcenterpinellas@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 \$107,654.42

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$1750 for bus passes for the children to be transported to field trips

6. Your other funding source(s) individuals and churches

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) Phil and Janel Miller-Evans

Date: March 1, 2014

Printed Name/Title: Phil Miller-Evans, Executive Director; Janel Miller-Evans Director of Social Services

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 distributed on Oct. 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to beth.fogg@abc-usa.org. electronic submissions will be accepted.



Micah Center of Pinellas County

"Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God"

Mission Statement: Compassion and caring ventures with the underemployed.

Vision Statement: A community venture of compassion and caring for advocacy, education, empowerment and assistance with the underemployed.

Micah Center is committed to educating the community so that it has the resources to assist itself; advocacy to work to change community standards that deter the advancement of human dignity; empowerment to unleash the potential of individuals to take charge of their own condition; and assistance when basic needs are met so that individuals can focus energy on efforts that will create economic security.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The Micah Center developed from the missional efforts of the Church of the Beatitudes.

The Church of the Beatitudes has a long history of strong community work for Social Justice. In the days when the church was a retirement church, the members were social minded. The congregation was a strong financial supporters of Happy Workers, a child care and early learning center developed for low income minority families of Saint Petersburg and our congregation became involved following the civil rights movement. For many years the congregation received a Martin Luther King Jr. offering that provided scholarships to local minority students to attend college. Through the efforts of member John Sherrod a weekly mission of providing sandwiches and coffee to street homeless was maintained for over 12 years. The congregation was represented on the streets when the city police were sent in mid-January 2007 to slash tents and dispose of property of the homeless in dump trucks. The Church of the Beatitudes opened its doors as a temporary refuge for about two dozen individuals. The congregation supported its own transitional housing program, Blessing House, for nine months. A relationship with Lionheart Recovery began in 2005 when as many as 70 people in recovery would gather at the church for our Agape meal followed with a 12 Step meeting. Over time this has evolved in the Church of the Beatitudes offering a weekly Christian based recovery program, Life Recovery Bible Study. Our outreach to our neighborhood has always involved children. In 2006, Reverend Phil Miller-Evans, pastor of the Church of the Beatitudes since 2002 wrote an article entitled *Alley Children* for a publication of American Baptist Churches USA. That article pointed out the impoverished hungry children living in and around the church building. The Church of the Beatitudes has been seen by these children growing up in difficult home lives as a place of safety. The church's current Director of Music Ministries, Annette Sims, provide free vocal and piano lessons to the children.

		Income	Expense	
Churches-Big 2 (670mo)		\$16,000.00		
Churches-Small 2 (340/mo)		\$8,000.00		
Individuals-Big 2 (500/mo)		\$12,000.00		
Individuals-Med 5 (350/mo)		\$21,000.00		
Individuals-Small 7 (200/mo)		\$16,800.00		
Individuals-Small 10 (100/mo)		\$12,000.00		
Individuals-Small 15 (50/mo)		\$9,000.00		
Individual-Very Small 15 (20/mo)		\$3,600.00		
Grant		\$10,000.00		
		\$108,400.00		
CBF GLOBAL MINISTRY STAFF				
Director (1/2 time)				
	Salary		\$16,600.00	
	Housing		\$9,000.00	
	Social Security Offset		\$1,702.40	
	Retirement-MMBB 11%		\$3,003.00	
Director of Social Services				
	Salary		\$35,000.00	
	Housing			
	Social Security Offset		\$2,327.50	
	Retirement-MMBB 11%		\$4,106.00	
	Medical		\$12,845.52	
Employee + Spouse	United Healthcare	Domestic	Two Employees	\$
CBF GLOBAL MINISTRY STAFF Total			\$84,584.42	
Interns	Food Stipend - 2 interns	1 Semester	\$2,000.00	
Summer Program 10 weeks				
	Food - Breakfast/lunch/snacks		\$12,500.00	
	Weekly Curriculum/supplies		\$3,000.00	
	PSTA Haul Pass 50/\$35 ea		\$1,750.00	
		subtotal program	\$17,250.00	
Office Supplies			\$320.00	
Utilities/Rent			\$3,500.00	
			\$107,654.42	

The Summer Camp program will directly respond to three of the areas for which the grant was established - feeding, education and health. The Summer Camp program will help families maintain a more stable home life, fiscally, emotionally, socially and psychologically. The program is free to families whose children are entitled to free and reduced lunch. 50 children will have an entire day of programming to enrich their lives while parents are seeking employment or working at jobs where they are underemployed. This will place the children in a safe environment when the family cannot afford child-care and would likely leave children at home unsupervised for the summer.

The children will receive breakfast, lunch and snack everyday providing healthy nutrition in homes that are likely food deprived.

The parents/guardians will attend a meeting once a week for support and to begin asset based community development in their neighborhood.

We are specifically asking in this grant for bus passes. The afternoon program is planned around cultural and art development field trips. Saint Petersburg has many such venues for the children to be exposed to a great educational opportunity. Our local transit authority has a summer pass program for children called "Haul Pass".

See attached flier for information on the Summer Camp and Micah Center.

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Summer Day Camp Program



Keeping our children learning, happy and safe this summer.

Micah Center is offering enrollment for 50 children in an all-day work-week camp during the summer break from public school.

Many families are in the position of

leaving elementary school children home alone during the summer while the adults are at work or paying for recreation programs that threaten the fiscal security of the family.

Micah Center Summer Day Camp

Eligible students must be on the free/reduced lunch program at school and be ineligible for Coordinated Child Care.

Typical Program Day

7— 7: 30 AM Children arrive

7:30—8 AM Breakfast

8—8:45 AM Opening Play and Sing

8:50—9:50 AM Learning Center Rotations*

10:00—10:20 AM Healthy Snacks

10:30—11:30 AM Learning Center Rotations

11:30— Noon Celebration

Noon—12:30 PM Lunch

12:30—1:15 PM Veggie Tales/Rest Time

1:30 PM Field Trip**

5:00—6:00 PM Pick up Children

*Children will take part in 20 minute sessions in crafts, games, reading and video centers.

**Trips to local museums, cultural events, parks and beaches will be planned throughout the week.



Short-term mission team at work

Short Term Mission Team Opportunities

Each week of the summer program will be immediately supervised by summer interns in the StudentDotGo program of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship [<http://studentdotgo.ning.com/>].

Small group leadership will be provided by short term mission teams who will be on-site for one week. Short-term mission opportunities are a significant way to be a part of the ongoing work of CBF field personnel and partners around the world [<http://www.thefellowship.info/short-term-missions>].

For more information on participating in a short term mission opportunity with Micah Center email or call us today.

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