

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.” The donor’s primary concern is to help ameliorate poverty. ABCUSA will distribute grants of up to \$5,000 semi-annually as long as the generosity of this donor continues. A panel will select recipients 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.

1. General Information:

Organization Name: Counting To One Ministries, Galilee Baptist Church

Affiliation with ABCUSA: Member

Address: 1221 N. Westnedge Ave. Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Phone: 269-349-5597

Federal Tax ID#: 20-4967222

Contact person: William M. Roland

email: hiswilbedone@gbckazoo.org

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement
- Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement

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: \$19,963.78

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5000.00

6. Your other funding source(s): Fund Raiser and Individual Donations

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): William Mandella Roland

Date: August 25, 2015

Printed Name/Title: William Mandella Roland, Director of Outreach

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 to:
Mission Resource Development
American Baptist Churches USA
P.O. Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851
Or emailed to: Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org



2014 Audit

Dorothy L. Hobbs, Food Pantry

Families Served:

322

Adults 667

Children 937

Total Individuals served = 1604, with an average of 4.815 persons per family

Non-remunerated volunteers:

Pantry is opened Monday and Thursday, with five volunteers each day working 2.5 hour each = $12.5 \times 2 = 25$ hours weekly.

Annual Hours = 1300

Food Pick up from Southcentral Food Bank of Michigan:

10 trips with 5 volunteers to pick up and stock shelves at pantry at 3 hours each =
 $15 \text{ hours} \times 10 = 150 \text{ hours}$

State of Michigan In-kind labor rate \$22.96

Total Volunteer Hours: 1450

Cash spent in 2014 \$13,049.71

In-kind value \$29,848.00

Total Budget \$42,897.71

Submitted by: William Mandella Roland,

Title Director of Outreach Ministries

Date March 30, 2015

August 25, 2015

Mission Resource Development
American Baptist Churches USA
P.O. Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19483-0851

Greetings:

Counting To One Ministries is the non-profit, 501 (c) (3), community outreach ministry associated with The Galilee Baptist Church, of Kalamazoo, MI. This ministry was established to provide vital community outreach services that go beyond the day to day services of the church.

The vision for ministry is unity in our community through unity in Christ, as He has taught us the Spiritual concept of learning to count to one. Our responsibility is to be an expression of support and inspiration throughout all segments of humanity that knows no boundaries.

Due to the need of many in our community, the Dorothy L. Hobbs, Food Pantry was established in 1995. Housed within the Kalamazoo Deacons Conference, located one block from our facilities; the pantry has been funded, staffed and operated solely by our membership and donated funds. We have not received any grants or major contributions during its operation over the past twenty years. However, due to the increasing demand for food we are seeking assistance through the grants made possible through American Baptist Churches USA. In 2007, Galilee Baptist Church sought and received a separate non-profit status to establish Counting To One Ministries that we might provide more services and seek new opportunities to meet human needs in nontraditional means of today's church. Receiving the requested \$5000.00 support of ABCUSA would further assist in meeting those needs.

Mission:

Our mission is to fulfill the Great Commandment and to advance the Kingdom of God as given by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew 28:19-20. We will accomplish this through Worship, Word and Witness.

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Dear Beth Fogg

Thank you for your request for additional information on question # 3 of the Matthew 25 Grant Application of how the proposed funding will be used.

Q: How do we plan to use the requested funds?

A: All requested funds from ABCUSA would be used in totality to purchase food. Our goal since our inception is to expend all financial contributions on food sufficient to meet the needs of individuals up to a maximum of seven to ten days once per quarter.

Q: How will funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effect?

A: As stated within our proposal we are housed within the Kalamazoo Deacons Conference located one block from our facility. Many of the clients who use their are underemployed, unemployed, homeless, and often without basic if any food. The Kalamazoo Deacons Conference houses resources such as counseling, clothing, and in some situations allows individuals to complete community service work. Often times individuals who come seeking food are encouraged to volunteer their services and in some instances their volunteerism has led to them gaining employment. Our food services are available to families once per quarter; however, we do also act as a referral in some cases to those who may need resources beyond our scope. All volunteers are trained in **food safety** and **compliance** with respect to equal treatment of all persons in need. All individuals are encouraged to seek means of improving their situations. We have experienced that “people in need don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care”.