

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: Galilee Christian Church Ministries

Affiliation with ABCUSA: Adoniran Judson Association

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Contact person: Rev. Annie L. Belmer email: Welcomehome.sah@gmail.com

2. Please submit with your application a copy of: See Attached

- 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: \$9,550

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000.00

6. Your other funding source(s): Boston Baptist Social Union

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): Rev. Annie L. Belmer Date: September 1, 2015

Printed Name/Title Rev Annie L. Belmer, Pastor/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 beth.fogg@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



First, we would like to thank you for your 2014-2015 support. Our program was a success as the funds are used to assist in battling poverty by giving young girls the tools they need to succeed in society as they move toward employment, education while gaining self-respect, self-confidence and high self-esteem and mainly respect for others. Welcome Home Stay At Home After Care Ministry exemplifies the very embodiment of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ when he said in Matthew 25:40 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Using Jesus's example the girls we serve and their families obtain a better quality of life.

Program Outline

WELCOME HOME/STAY AT HOME (WNSAH) An After-Care Ministry FOR SYSTEM INVOLVED GIRLS

THIS IS A SPECIALIZED MINISTRY DESIGNED FOR TEENAGE GIRLS 14-18 YEARS OLD WHO:

1. ARE IMPOVERISHED/UNDERSERVED
2. LIVE IN THE CITY OF LYNN AND SURROUND NORTH SHORE AREAS
3. ARE RE-ENTERING THE COMMUNITY
4. ARE INVOLVED IN THE JUVENILE FACILITY
5. PREVIOUSLY SYSTEM INVOLVED
6. HAVE SIBLINGS THAT HAVE BEEN SYSTEM INVOLVED

CURRICULUM INCLUDES:

Teen Success Series
Healthy Relationship Curriculum
Financial Management
Employment Readiness Workshops
College Prep Workshops

- In response to the problem of the growing number of girls re-entering the community after serving time in a juvenile or and adult correction facility. Galilee Ministries has been successful in assisting young girls promote healthy life styles by fighting poverty and promoting healthy relationships through our after-care program. We encourage positive youth development for girls through continuous youth engagement. We do not want to replace any of the systems that were learned by individuals while incarcerated, however, we offer an after-care ministry that will promote positive change for girls as they make their way back into the communities in which they live, giving them what's need to thrive not just survive. By empowering girls, fostering resiliency, offering family and community support the outcome has been very positive. Four young girls started a

job this Spring 2015, two started community college, and others are also moving forward in the program. We have not had anyone return to any detention or incarceration facility.

- Using trauma informed practices and positive youth development models we offer a safe space for girls to feel good themselves and their family as they become valued and productive family and community members.
- The long-term goals of Welcome Home/Stay at Home are to promote positive youth outcomes for high-risk and system-involved girls; and to reduce the rates of involvement and recidivism of girls in the juvenile justice system particularly for girls living in the City of Lynn and the surround North Shore communities.
- Galilee Ministries has been able to strengthen the partnerships between community and faith-based agencies to form mentoring opportunities and community learning opportunities with caring adults by providing additional support for the girls.
- Peer networking, family support, employment training, and college conferences proved to be a very important component of the Welcome Home/Stay At Home After Care Program.

Participants can expect: Peer Support, Family Support, Fun, interesting, and thought-provoking activities, The opportunity to meet others who share similar experiences, build connections, develop networks, experience individual spiritual growth, intergenerational contact, and participation in community service projects.

PROGRAM DETAILS

WELCOME HOME/STAY AT HOME (WNSAH) After-Care Ministry is a half-year long program. We will continue serving up to ten (10) girls two (2) times a week for the duration of the program. WNSAH will collaborate with Department of Youth Services (DYS), Department of Children's and Family Services (DCF) and other community and faith-based agencies.

PROGRAM BUDGET

Program Space ...\$500.00 month for 4 mths...	\$ 2,000.00
Curriculums, videos, books.....	\$ 500.00
Travel, workshops, conferences.....	\$ 4,450.00
Refreshments.....	\$ 1,400.00
<u>Gift card, travel passes, food vouchers.....</u>	<u>\$ 2500.00</u>
Total.....	\$ 9,550.00