

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 Friends in Fun and Fellowship
Affiliation with ABCUSA First Baptist Church
Address 434 Baltimore Street, Waterloo, IA 50701

Phone 319-234-1537 Federal Tax ID# 42-07163560019
Contact person SusanPrice email waterloofbc@yahoo.com

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement (Will be sent by regular mail.)
- Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement (Will be sent by regular mail.)

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 \$6,600.00

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$3,000.00

6. Your other funding source(s) Individual contributions from congregation

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) _____ Date 2/28/13

Printed Name/Title Susan Price, Christian Education 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 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



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Friends in Fun and Fellowship is a free five week summer program designed to provide a safe, loving and learning environment for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.. FFF teaches Biblical truths, values and character characteristics that encourage Christian growth and develops good citizens, respectful families, and strong neighborhoods. The FFF program operates at First Baptist Church, 434 Baltimore, Waterloo, IA. The church is two blocks from its Partner in Education, Irving Elementary School, where in 2012 89.40% of the ethnically diverse population was eligible for free or reduced price meals. First Baptist Church is a designated 501 C (3) entity.

The summer program collaborates with the Waterloo Community School District Meal Program, Black Hawk County Extension Service, Northeast Iowa Food Bank, and Church Row Historic Neighborhood Ass. The school district provides breakfast and lunch at the church location. The meals are free for any children 18 and under. FFF is scheduled to fit between the breakfast and lunch schedules, usually from 9:15-12:15 Monday through Friday from June 10 to July 12, 2013.

Friends in Fun and Fellowship provides activities in five literacy or interest centers: science & nutrition, arts & crafts, music & reading, board games & puzzles, and recreation. Two days a week the BHC Extension Service provides activities that teach good nutrition and cooking skills. Character Counts behavioral guidelines, used nationwide and adopted by the Waterloo Schools, are incorporated into the curriculum. The Character Counts behavioral guidelines are based on the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Children are taught to be honest, reliable, and loyal to their families, friends and country. They will learn to love others as themselves, to be tolerant and accepting of differences, and to be considerate of others feelings. The theme for activities each year is based on Biblical truths. They will learn that God loves them and wants to be a part of their lives.

The children are grouped according to grade level. The lead teachers are frequently certified or retired teachers, or college students who provide a positive adult role model for the children. Additional helpers may be from the neighborhood, church congregation, or the children's families.

In 2012 the total enrollment reached 175 with a daily average attendance of 34. The number of returning families each year, the continued support of our partners, and the increasing positive behavioral skills, and Christian growth seen in individuals involved speaks to the success of the program.

First Baptist Church has offered this extended summer activity program for more than 25 years, despite escalating costs, because children need a safe and fun learning environment in the summer time where they can learn Biblical truths and positive behavioral skills. These neighborhood children represent many different ethnicities including Burmese, Bosnian, Hispanic, and Asian. Our neighborhood school, Irving Elementary, has the third highest percentage of families eligible for free and reduced lunches in Waterloo. Many families cannot afford summer childcare and children are left in the care of only slightly older siblings while parents work.

The primary cost involved in the program is the paid staff: a director at \$1600 for five weeks plus time in May to prepare (\$10.00/hour x 160 hours), and five lead teachers at \$800 each for five weeks (\$8.00/hour x 100 hours). Total staff cost is \$5600. We are requesting \$2500 in staff support funds. Other support staff is supplied by congregation members and volunteers. Additional expenses involve craft and paper supplies and daily snacks. Congregation members donate craft supplies and snacks, but additional supplies must always be purchased. Craft and paper supplies are estimated at \$525. Snacks are purchased through the Northeast Iowa Food Bank as much as possible. Estimated costs are \$.35/child/day x 25 days x 50 children at a total of \$475. We are requesting \$500 to assist in the cost of craft supplies and snacks. The total grant amount requested is \$3000.00