

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. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or organization, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information:

Organization Name Grace Baptist Church

Affiliation with ABCUSA Yes

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Contact Person: Mike Daggett

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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 \$6,200 (with reduced cost food donations from agencies)

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$3,100

6. Your other funding source(s): Grace Baptist Congregation, partnering fraternities, guest community members contributions, food and supplies at greatly reduced costs through community agencies such as the Food Bank

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 7/31/2015

Printed Name/Title. Dr. Liliana Da Valle, Pastor

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 Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



2. MISSION STATEMENT

- Grace Baptist Church will provide food security and school supplies for youth in needy families. Our location across the street from San Jose State University (SJSU) puts us in a unique position to connect with needy students and provide them with nutritious food and school supplies.
- We will raise awareness of food deficiencies in SJSU and the role Grace Baptist Church has in the ecumenical community that is working to provide for youth's food security and school supplies.

Grace Baptist Church is partnering with the Episcopalian Chaplaincy services at SJSU, the International Students fellowship, Intervarsity Fellowship, the Chinese Fellowship, The SJSU Food Pantry, and the SJSU Associated Students.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- With the reduced supplies cost and food donations we are able to provide each student with a bag that consists of meal and school supplies for a cost of \$5.00 per bag

Although the need is even greater, our goal is to be in campus once a week and give out 40 bags to students who are in need.

This will provide 15 weeks each semester of food and supplies bags for 1,200 students, which is the estimated number of needy students in the 30,000 students campus of SJSU.

The total cost for providing the food will be

40 bags x \$5.00 each x 30 weeks per year = \$6,000.

- We will add a \$200.00 budget for publicity. Postage, paper, marking pens, web schedule subscription. Our partners will also provide publicity. \$200.
- Packing/transportation/distribution will be done through 40 or more volunteers from the partnering organizations.

Total cost of program: \$ 6,200

3. PLAN TO USE THE REQUESTED FUNDS

Providing one meal and supplies bag a week to students at the poverty level in SJSU will allow them to continue their good nutrition while school is in session. Our system of visible Grace Baptist Church volunteers, and selection at the Students Fellowships guarantees that when the needy student appears, a bag filled with enough food and school supplies is waiting for them right on campus. The bags contain only healthy items such as nutritious bars and pre-packaged meals, and school supplies such as pens, pencils, notebooks, markers, sharpeners, post-its, and toiletries.

It is unacceptable to Grace Baptist Church to take no action when under the eyes of Christ our youth go hungry or lack the most basic tools for their schooling. This project is a pilot project for other congregations to follow and it is building momentum of support to ensure food security and supplies for needy college students.

At the same time we will challenge the community to live for a week on \$4.28 per day as a means to raise awareness and empathy about this issue in our community.

At this point, our church is also exploring other steps to supply needs and create community concern and action.