

## 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 a direct relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or Region will be considered per 12 month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or Region, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information

Church or Region: *Messiah Baptist church*

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA: *TABCOM*

Ministry or Group receiving these funds: *Messiah Baptist Church - Domestic Violence Ministry*

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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. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

*To assist Domestic Violence / Intimate Partner Violence Victims and their families*

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

*To meet basic needs like grocery, toiletries, cosmetology and other services.*

5. Total cost of the project: *\$5,000*

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: *\$5,000*

7. Your other funding source(s): *Mass Bay Credit 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/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by:

*Jerrell Riggins*

Date: *02/05/2016*

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; September 1 for grants distributed on October 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to [Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

See the following information and instructions for more details.

## **Mission Statement**

Our mission is to assist families who experience, or are threatened with domestic violence and to increase the community's awareness of this pervasive problem. To provide emergency funds for groceries and basic toiletries through community partnerships, Messiah Baptist Church objective is to raise awareness and educate community members about domestic violence. Messiah Baptist Church will partner with the service provider Penelope's Place in Brockton, MA.

## **Proposed Budget**

The budget to cover the following:

Qty	Item	Cost
1	*Short-Term (Non-Recurrent Benefits)	\$2,600.00
40	Stop and Shop \$25 Gift Card	\$1,000.00
40	Target \$25 Gift Card Toiletries	\$1,000.00
1	One Time DV Workshop – October, 2016	\$ 300.00
	Marketing/Postage	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total Cost		\$5,000.00

\*Short-Term Non-Recurrent Benefits (Unknown types of expenses include vouchers for Locksmith/changing locks at residence, gas voucher, cosmetology, etcetera)

This category covers benefits or services that are designed to deal with a specific crisis situation or episode of need, are not intended to meet recurrent or ongoing needs, and will not extend beyond twelve months.

- Host one-time domestic violence workshop during the month of October that will educate the community as a whole and to introduce service providers that is available in the area.

## **Problem**

Domestic violence is one our country's greatest public health problems. The crime is chronically under reported, is most often perpetrated by an intimate partner or a known person, and can have devastating and lasting physical and emotional effects for survivors and their children. In response, Health Imperatives offers a comprehensive and coordinated spectrum of care for survivors of domestic violence, which includes emergency shelter, crisis counseling, legal and court advocacy, and education and prevention activities.

## **Penelope's Place**

Penelope's Place, and the comprehensive services we offer, is often the first stop for the region's most vulnerable families and children and we are often the last chance for survivors of trauma who have nowhere else to turn. A five+ bedroom shelter, here we provide survivors of violence with safety,

security, and comfort. With the support of local community groups, schools, and churches, we have worked to ensure the health and safety of the region's most vulnerable families and individuals. Without the support of the local community, we would not have been able to transform our shelter, including providing residents with comprehensive care and making major structural, electrical, and plumbing improvements to the home. We are now seeing families with more complex needs and with increased costs and declining revenues, we have been challenged to adequately meet these demands. As such, your support is more vital than ever.

In FY15 we provided shelter and supports to 55 survivors of domestic violence and their children. The majority were women with low- to moderate-incomes and low educational attainment and/or employment experience. Regardless of their backgrounds, the common thread linking all of the families and individuals that we served are that they are all survivors of trauma. Experiencing domestic violence is an overwhelming, traumatic, and often devastating experience. In addition to the physical effects, survivors often experience significant emotional and psychological trauma.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 10 men have experienced interpersonal violence including physical injury and rape. Research indicates that as a result of these crimes survivors often feel isolated and ashamed and can suffer physical injury, depression, anxiety, and other physical and emotional illnesses. There is also a high prevalence rate of substance abuse among survivors, adolescents are more likely to drop out of school, and children who witness violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners as adults.

In response, the services and supports that we provide at Penelope's Place are survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and are successful in reducing the physical, emotional, and economic toll that domestic violence can have. We provide comprehensive care- including shelter, crisis counseling, advocacy, and safety planning- and support survivors through all aspects of their recovery and healing. *Penelope's Place is the only provider of these critical services in Plymouth County.* We operate the only sexual assault counseling center and one of the only domestic violence shelters; as such, our programs fill a critical void for vital care in the region.