

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: **West Side Baptist Church**

Affiliation with ABCUSA: **Member Church**

Address: **304 S. Seneca St.**

Wichita, KS 67213

Phone: **316-262-7244**

Federal Tax ID#: **48-6003625**

Contact person: **Shari Gaston**

email: **wsbcwichita@gmail.com**

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 **\$11, 820.00**

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

6. Your other funding source(s): **West Side Baptist Church, Cooperative Churches of the Wichita Area, In-Kind Contributions (\$6,820.00)**

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) Shari D Gaston [Election Submission] Date **28 August, 2014**

Printed Name/Title **Shari Gaston, Office Manager, Program Coordinator, Instructor**

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.



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ABC/USA MATTHEW 25 GRANT REQUEST
West Side Baptist Church Wichita, Kansas 67213

08/28/2014

Beth Fogg
Communication Consultant
ABC USA
PO Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851

RE: ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant

Dear Beth,

West Side Baptist Church Computer Lab is pleased to present this proposal for your review. We look forward to partnering with you to provide a computer lab to train less fortunate young adults, older parents, Senior citizens and homeless veterans for the ever changing job market. The Delano Neighborhood has a large population of "poverty stricken" families who simply cannot afford computers and have little affordable access available in the community.

During the last year, we have been piloting the WSBC Computer lab with a small group of adults who lacked skilled needed to improve their employment status. The program teaches basic computer skills, Microsoft Office programs such as Word and Excel, as well as Online Applications and Resumes.

We have seen measurable success and we are now seeking to expand our Computer lab to address the needs of members and neighbors of the Cooperative Churches of the Wichita Area. The lab currently is working with older computer that run Windows XP and small monitors that are difficult for our Senior Citizens and visually impaired to see. Our proposal requests \$5,000.00 in funding to obtain 9 Windows 7 Desktop computers, 9 larger monitors and 9 chairs for half of the proposed increase to raise our capacity to 18 student stations over the next 18 months.

We appreciate ABC USA taking an interest in helping our citizens develop their computer skills to enable them to join or rejoin the job market Please give me a call at 316-262-7244 if you require any further information or have any questions concerning this proposal.

Thank you,

Shari D Gaston

Shari Gaston
Program Coordinator /Instructor-
West Side Baptist Church Computer Lab/
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West Side Baptist Church
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NEED: West Side Baptist Church (WSBC) in Wichita, Kansas is a congregation that is truly in transition. In the past decade, there has been a shift in demographics within the Delano neighborhood surrounding the church. The neighborhood has become increasingly a more ethnic and economically diverse neighborhood. With this change comes the need for increased free and/or low cost technical training. As the neighborhood has changed, graduation rates at the local high school, Wichita West High School, have dipped as low as 57% in recent years. There has been an increased demand on local charitable services, including the Wichita Public School's "Kids Eat Free" program and the Kansas Food Bank. Local and state governments have had to cut back the level of other services provided and this has left a vacuum that is damaging to those who are living in or on the edge of poverty.

The program at WSBC provides entry level skills training in our computer lab to those in the community who might not have the financial resources to obtain this type of training elsewhere. The training provided by WSBC helps prepare students for school, allows young adults to compete in a technically advanced workforce and helps older parents, unemployed and veterans to transition in an ever changing job market.

CONSEQUENCES: More entry level jobs are now requiring at least a basic level of technical literacy. Most job applications are now submitted exclusively using Internet resources. Without the basic training that WSBC provides many in the neighborhood will be unprepared for the modern workforce.

GOAL: During the first year of funding a process approach was identified that will benefit low income and poverty-stricken residents. To directly impact the low income and poverty-stricken residents, a second request was made to allow the formation of a computer lab to begin increasing their technical literacy. This third request for funding is being made to modernize and grow the computer lab so that WSBC can continue to deliver the necessary training and skills to those in the neighborhood. By increasing the technical skill level of the area residents, we will be providing them with the support they need to successfully navigate in today's complex and highly technical workplace. As they enter and remain in the workforce, not only will their self-esteem increase, but they will have successfully extricated themselves from the bondage of poverty, thus relieving the demand on the federal, state and local governments as well as local charities.

OUTCOMES: This third grant request is part of the process of programs' development. West Side Baptist Church commits itself to the following goals: 20% of student taking one class will participate in another, 50 participants, improvement in Computer literacy, and 90% user satisfaction.

COMMITMENT: WSBC pledges commitments and in-kind contributions of \$6,820.00 supporting this application. This initiative is part of a progressive planning process of program development and will be continued upon completion of this funding request. Results will be presented at a conference acknowledging the financial support of the ABCUSA.

REQUEST: This request is for computer hardware (\$3150.00), computer monitors (\$1350.00), chairs (\$170.00), Projector (\$330.00).

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2014/2015 Projected Budget: WSBC Computer Lab			
Item	Description	Requested	In-Kind Donation
<u>Personnel</u>			
FTE Program Coordinator	\$ 3,600.00 Salary		\$2,600.00
PTE Instructor	\$1,500.00 Salary		\$1,500.00
Class Room Para	\$750.00 Salary		\$750.00
Translator	\$250.00		\$250.00
<u>Equipment</u>			
9 Desktop Computers	Dell Inspiron 3647, Windows® 7 Home Premium, 64Bit, Keyboard, Mouse	\$3,150.00 (@\$350ea)	
9 Monitors	22" ASUS Monitors	\$1,350.00 (@\$150ea)	
9 Chairs	Padded, Stacking	\$171.00 (@\$19ea)	
Projector	Epson projector, used	\$329.00	
Teaching Materials	Handouts, books		\$150.00
<u>Other Costs</u>			
Paper			\$40.00
Office Supplies			\$30.00
Ink/Toner			\$100.00
<u>Overhead Costs</u>			
Phone/Internet			\$600.00
Utilities	Water, Electric, Gas, Trash		\$800.00
Total Requested		\$5,000.00	
Totals In-Kind			\$6,820.00
Total Projected Budget: \$11,820.00			

Sunday Services

9:30 am Study and Prayer
10:45 am Celebration
Service and Children's
Church

Monday Morning

10:00 am Bible Study

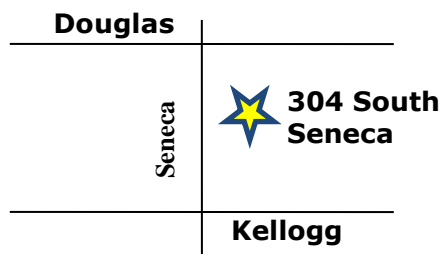
Wednesday Night

5:30 pm Fellowship Meal
6:00 pm Computer Lab Class
6:30 pm Bible Study

Other groups meet on a weekly or monthly basis for a time of enrichment and growth through Bible Study, prayer and small group.

Contact Office for other
event times:
(316) 262-7244

How to Find Us:



Our Mission

With energy and wisdom supplied by God's Holy Spirit, we will live as a community of believers in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, offering love and hope in a world of hate and despair. We will challenge people to find a personal relationship with God, and we will challenge people to achieve their full Christian potential as they participate in the life of the church.

Our Vision

We are a congregation of active Christians where Jesus is our center, the Bible is our guide, and people matter.

Welcome to:

West Side Baptist Church

304 South Seneca
Wichita, KS 67213
(316) 262-7244
Fax: (316) 425-1868

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Fri 10:00 – 1:00

Rev. Shane Creech,
Pastor

Email:
wsbcwichita@gmail.com

Website:
www.wsbcwichita.org

An American Baptist Church

West Side Baptists community outreach includes being a center for the performing arts by hosting the *Delano Chamber Players*, which include a professional level *Chamber Orchestra, Chamber Brass and Chamber Music Series* in addition to multi-level *Youth Orchestras*. Their website is delanochamberplayers.org and can be contacted by phone at 316-259-0467 or email at martinfam1@cox.net. Concerts are on Sunday afternoons at 3:00PM.

The Matthew 25 Computer Lab at West Side Baptist Church exists to serve others. We have classes that teach Basic Computer Skills as well as Microsoft Word and other aspects of Microsoft Office designed to help further job skills.

You are encouraged to be part of one of our groups.

Special Events & activities:

- Youth activities
- Trips, etc.
- All geared with you in mind

(316)262-7244 for info

The WEST SIDE Strategy

West Side Baptists' strategy for serving others is focused around a foundation of prayer and four basic pillars of faith.

Prayer – We believe that prayer is the foundation which supports our relationship with God and each other. We believe that pray centers our life and prepares us to greet the world.

Evangelism – We believe in the need to reach others with the Good News of the Risen Savior.

Discipleship – We believe that all Christians are on a life-long journey, and commit to further our knowledge of Christ, the Bible, and our place in the world.

Nurture – We believe in nurturing both the physical and spiritual needs of our congregation and in being prepared to open ourselves to the wider circle.

Obedience – We believe that Jesus' restating of the Ten Commandment's found in the gospels provide direction for living our life: to love God and to love others as ourselves.

West Side Target Groups

Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you here!

Seniors - We reach out to retired, energetic, active leaders (REAL People) with a message of acceptance and love. Our building is single level. Come and join us.

Engaged & Young Married – Establishing a foundation for marriage and continuing to build on the skills required for marriage are critical to create strong families.

Singles, Young Adults- Building solid relationships and a place where spiritual growth and discipleship are abundantly.

Young – Children need secure places to play and feel at ease in our changing world. We seek to establish events designed to reach both elementary and middle school age children.