

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 discernment team 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_

St. Luke Tabernacle Community Church/St. Luke Community of Care

Affiliation with ABCUSA_ Member of Rochester Genesee Region

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Contact person Rev. Dr. James H. Evans, Jr.

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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 \$30,000.00

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

6. Your other funding source(s) \$16,800.00

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)_ James H. Evans, Jr. Date May 28, 2015

Printed Name/Title Rev. James H. Evans, Jr., Ph.D., Litt.D. Senior 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.



Budget for the St. Luke Community of Care

Income

\$1400 per month/\$16,800 per year

This amount is the space use fee paid by two of the member programs. The costs for space for the other programs are provided by the church.

Expenditures

Staffing The SLCOC has a volunteer Director of Programs

All but three of the ministries are staffed by volunteers and operate on donations and in kind contributions. The other three have separate sources of income to support their staffing and operational needs.

Space and Utilities

The programs of the SLCOC occupy approximately 11,000 square feet of space with an annual cost of \$30,000.00

We are seeking assistance in meeting **the \$13,200 shortfall.**

The congregation is not able to house these programs without significant support from other sources.

How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

We plan to use the requested funds to support the work of the James Perkins Youth Development Center. The center provides educational support services for at risk youth in the Northwest section of Rochester, New York. A report by Rochester Area Community Foundation and ACT Rochester found that Rochester is:

Fifth poorest city in the country among the top 75 largest metropolitan areas;

Second poorest among comparably sized cities in those metro areas;

Ranked third for highest concentration of extremely poor neighborhoods among cities in the top 100 metro areas;

The poorest school district in Upstate New York and the poorest urban district in the entire state.

The JPYDC has a unique approach in addressing the problems of educational outcomes for students living in poverty. Mr. James Perkins, a teacher in the Rochester City School District for more than thirty years had a distinguished record of enabling academic success from children from any background. His mantra which has become the motto for the center is “results...not excuses.” Mr. Perkins who was a member of St. Luke Tabernacle left an indelible mark on the students he taught.

The Center’s summer program enrolled more than 60 students with many more turned away for lack of space and resources. Our school year tutorial program has filled more than half the available slots prior to the opening of registration. The funds requested will be used to purchase notebook computers for our computer lab and televisions for our recreation room. (we recently suffered a break in at our building and our computers were taken, as well as two televisions). We would also use the funds to equip our homework room with reference materials and finally, to provide tokens of appreciation to our tutors and volunteers.

Eight notebook computers at \$300 each for a total of	\$2400.00
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Two flat screen televisions at \$400 each for a total of	\$800.00
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Reference materials for homework room for a total of	\$800.00
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Gift Cards for 20 volunteers at \$50.00 each for a total of	\$1000.00
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Total	\$5000.00
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St. Luke Community of Care

A Ministry of the St. Luke Tabernacle Community Church

Where The Word Meets The World

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The Mission of the St. Luke Community of Care

St. Luke attempts to live into our motto of bringing The Word to the World. We have moved our service to our community to the next level. We have established the St. Luke Community of Care. This association of community outreach ministries provides a variety of services and supports aimed at strengthening families through health, education and personal empowerment. Currently, the Community of Care houses a program for children with autism, an afterschool youth development program and an affiliated charitable foundation. A performing arts program as well as a program that provides support for women in crisis is also part of the Community of Care.

A central component of the Community of Care is the health and wellness center which partners with the School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Rochester to sponsor a walk-in urgent care clinic where clients receive basic medical services free of charge. Future programs are in the planning stages, including a community education program and a family services center. All of these services form a collaborative association designed to improve the lives of people who live in the Maplewood neighborhood of Rochester. Through a shared vision of service to our community and a common commitment to improving the lives of our neighbors, we are addressing some of the more pressing needs in the lives of our citizens. These programs are an integral part of a community based effort to alleviate poverty and empower persons toward success.

The leaders of these programs meet together regularly to establish and maintain a network of mutuality. The congregation of St. Luke views this collective effort as a logical expression of our faith, which compels us to serve the Maplewood community and its approximately 47,000 residents.

Our community partners include St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry; The First Spanish Baptist Church; Nazareth College Social Work Program, and the SUNY Brockport Master of Social Work Program.

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St. Luke Community of Care Members

James Perkins Youth Development Center

The JPYDC was established in 2012 to provide tutoring and mentoring services to the youth in the community. The center is located in a high risk area and this program can help to address some of the negative activities that sometimes take place in our neighborhood.

People, Inc., Rochester After School Respite Program

The Program offers school aged children with developmental disabilities opportunities for socialization, arts and crafts, sensory activities, relaxation and recreation in a safe and supportive environment.

St. Luke Health and Wellness Center

The St. Luke Health and Wellness Center is dedicated to improving the health of our community by providing acute care, basic assessment, referral, screening and educational services to the at risk population in the Maplewood neighborhood and beyond. The center enjoys partnerships with the University of Rochester Office of Community Health, the University of Rochester Medical School, the University of Rochester School of Nursing, and the St. Joseph Neighborhood Center. The center also houses the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Greater Rochester.

St. Luke Community Foundation, Inc.

The St. Luke Community Foundation established in 2008 serves the people of the Maplewood neighborhood by supporting programs focused on health awareness, community education, and community empowerment.

Women Saving Women

This is a program designed to reach out to women in our community who are living with physical and emotional trauma. This program will provide a supportive environment for healing and wholeness.

Northstar Collaborative for the Performing Arts

The Northstar Collaborative for the Performing Arts provides opportunities for youth and adults to develop their artistic abilities through drama and music.

Northwest Neighborhood Outreach Center

The NNOC provides meals for persons in need and operates a clothing store. These programs also provides opportunities for training and personal development.

Grace Community Village

The GCV provides a supportive environment for person to develop life management skills and to achieve success.

****FUTURE PROGRAMS****

Greater Rochester Academy for Community Education

The mission of GRACE is to provide community based educational resources for the Maplewood Neighborhood and beyond. Community Based Education is concerned with identifying specific social problems in both their private and public dimensions and building a community dedicated to finding solutions to those problems.

St. Luke Family Services Center

This center will assist families in accessing vital social services and resources. Working with graduate social work students from Nazareth College/SUNY Brockport, families in our communities will be supported and empowered.