

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: **United Baptist Church**

Affiliation with ABCUSA: **Blessings in a Backpack SnackPack**

Address: **47 Church Street, Oakland, Maine 04963**

Phone: **207-465-7828**

Federal Tax ID# **01-6011335**

Contact person: **Gary York**

email: **oakubc@roadrunner.com**

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement – **see attached**
- Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement – **see attached**

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: **\$5,775.00 – January thru June 2016 (we have been supplying extra snacks from September thru December 2015).**

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

6. Your other funding source(s) **Public suppers, yard sales, bottle drives, church & community donations, Mid-State Employee Foundation Grant, American Home Baptist - Children in Poverty Grant and Plum Creek Foundation Grant**

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) *Gary D. York*

Date: January 25, 2016

Printed Name/Title: Gary D. York, 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 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



Oakland United Baptist Church
Missional Project - Blessings in Backpack SnackPack
2015 Annual Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand - January 1, 2015

Checking	5,826.66
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Receipts:

Suppers	1,834.00
Silent Auction	684.00
Yard Sales	1,980.85
Grants – Business	4,500.00
Bottle Drive	251.65
Donations – Individuals	389.23
Donations – United Baptist Church	60.00
Donations - Blessing Tree Lunch Program	245.00
Cash Advance Return	450.00

Total Receipts:	10,394.73	16,221.39
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Expenditures:

BackPack	2,545.58
Snacks-Elementary & High School	1,124.32
Supplies	75.69
Suppers	391.43
School Vacation Snacks	2,890.75
Activity Books & SnackPacks	850.29
Apple Farm	50.00
Stamps	19.60
James Bean Elementary School	200.00
China Primary	200.00
Belgrade Central	200.00
Cash Advance	550.00

Total Expenditures:	9097.66
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Balance on hand - December 31, 2015

Checking	7,123.73	16,221.39
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Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn McCaughey, Treasurer

2. Mission Statement:

Our project began in 2011 by filling the needs of the homeless teenagers in the Oakland community by providing a backpack filled with nutritious food and personal hygiene items on a weekly basis. Our project also provides individual tote bags filled with healthy snacks for the winter and spring vacation week to elementary school students who have been identified by school personnel as economically disadvantaged and unable to provide their own snacks.

The Mission of *Blessings in a Backpack SnackPack* is fivefold: 1) Provide nutritious meals and personal hygiene items to teens in the RSU 18 school district who are homeless (identified as not living with their immediate family) via a weekly backpack. Also, we received a request in October from the Messalonskee High School Guidance Office to provide daily nutritious snacks to 15-20 teens daily 2) Provide daily snacks of fresh fruits and granola/protein bars for students at Williams Elementary School 3) Provide individual SnackPacks filled with healthy snacks to elementary students at the Atwood and Williams elementary schools during the winter and spring vacation weeks with a cost increase of 11% for February 4) Provide a \$200.00 annual grant to each of the Belgrade, Sidney and China elementary schools for healthy snacks for economically disadvantaged children and 5) Provide a large duffel bag filled with weekend meals for needy families identified through the school's guidance staff.

3. Requested Funds and How Grant will be used:

We plan to use the Matthew 25 grant for that portion of the project that provides fresh fruits, vegetables and hearty snack bars to the students of Williams Elementary School. The school lost their USDA grant because they dropped from 57% required for free or reduced lunch to below 54%. This grant is very important to our team because we have started supplying additional daily snacks to help fill the need of 15-20 students at Messalonskee High School at the request of their Guidance Office.

Our grant request will fill the void for Williams Elementary School because their grant was lost from the USDA funded Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. This request is in addition to the February and April vacation snacks we already provide to 150 Williams Elementary students on free and reduced lunch. We anticipate that the snacks will be distributed throughout the 300 plus Williams' student body. The elementary student's nutrition, learning and self-esteem is promoted through the healthy snacks.