

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 Eastwood Baptist Church

Affiliation with ABCUSA YES

Address 675 N. Keeneway Drive, Medford, OR 97504

Phone 541-779-7931 Federal Tax ID # 93-0625710

Contact person: Randolph T. Miller email pastor.ebcmedford@yahoo.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 \$ 6,500.00

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

6. Your other funding source(s) - Eastwood Baptist Church, other local vendors

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) *Randolph T. Miller*

Date: February 28, 2014

Printed Name/Title Rev. Dr. Randolph T. Miller, 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 beth.fogg@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



The Common Table
A Peacemaking Initiative
Eastwood Baptist Church
Medford, Oregon

Mission Statement

Eastwood Baptist Church seeks to create a “common table” of understanding to build bridges between the east Medford community known as Eastwood and a newly built low income housing project known as Cherry Creek.

Background:

Sixty years ago, Eastwood Baptist Church was planted in the midst of the residential community of Medford, Oregon known as Eastwood. The community is primarily composed of lower middle to upper middle class single family dwellings.

Two and a half years ago, the Jackson County Housing Authority purchased land to build low income (HUD) housing in the midst of the Eastwood neighborhood. The project is located two blocks from the church and is composed of 50 units. It is anticipated that over 200 new residents will move into the complex in the next couple months.

The surrounding community opposed this project. They (over 75 families) organized and spent over \$ 100,000 and 18 months in an unsuccessful effort to defeat the project. Within the surrounding community, this project has created a reservoir of ill-feelings, resentment and bitterness.

Proposal of Peacemaking.

It is the intention of Eastwood Baptist Church to create a “Common Table,” where members of the community and residents from the Cherry Creek Housing project could meet to build bridges of understanding, develop relationships, and work towards the goal of reconciliation and community restoration.

The project will take two different phases.

Hospitality: In an effort to welcome the Cherry Creek residents to the community, Eastwood will provide Welcome Baskets for each unit. Additionally, leadership will work on building relationship with the site manager of the project.

Invitation to the Common Table: Eastwood will host dinners, inviting residents from Cherry Creek and from the broader Eastwood community. Special invitations will be extended to local community leaders “to come to the table.”

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Budget

Hospitality	50 welcome baskets – Baskets and Supplies	2500.00
Monthly Dinners for 75 at \$ 10.00/person – Beginning in June, 2014 (6 total)		3000.00
	3 Dinners at Cherry Creek Facility	600.00
	3 Dinners at Eastwood	
Postage and Communication Supplies		400.00
Total Project		6500.00
Total request of Matthew 25 Grant Funds	5000.00	
Eastwood Baptist Church and partners	1500.00	