

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: North Foster Baptist Church

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA: ABCORI

Ministry or Group receiving these funds: The Cheerful Giver Clothing Ministry

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Contact person: Rev Barry Arruda

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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?

Funds requested would be used to purchase additional bins, clothing racks and shelving units to organize clothing for more effective service. Storage is the initial need, but gift cards for items we don't have are also needed, and a computer for administration needs.

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

Providing free clothing, our ministry allows individuals and families to use their limited resources for other needs. Your support would help us to maintain this ongoing ministry in a more viable way, with the ability to distribute clothing more effectively.

5. Total cost of the project: \$1699.00

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$1699.00

7. Your other funding source(s): donations of clothing/bins from individuals in the community

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: Rev. Barry Arruda

Date: March 1, 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. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

See the following information and instructions for more details.

Our mission is to provide people with free clothing not just in our town of Foster, but to other towns and cities as well. We believe that we are called by Jesus to spread His Love to everyone, and this is just one small way we can do so. (See 2 Corinthians 9:9-15)

We receive clothing donations and keep them in a small area in the church. *DIMENSIONS of 10ftX13ft* We are in need of funding in order to further organize a suitable storage and work space with durable storage units and containers, as well as avenues for communication and record keeping.

My name is Rachel Arruda. I began this ministry about a year ago when I was 15 years old. My father Barry is the pastor of the church that houses this clothing ministry. Over the past year and a half, it has grown abundantly, both in the amount of clothing donations and in the amount of individuals and families we help. Any financial assistance you could provide to help me continue meeting needs in this "fashion" would be greatly appreciated. :) We currently have no budget or funding. We have been operating on an all donation basis for ministry needs. Clothing is donated by people in the church and local community, and people volunteer as needed.

Our proposed/ estimated budget and spending if we were to receive this grant is as follows:

Item	Cost	Quantity	Total
Double Barred Clothing Rack	\$119.00	1	\$119.00
Shoe Rack	\$20.00each	2	\$40.00
Round Clothing Rack	\$70.00	1	\$70.00
Clothing Storage Boxes (cloth)	\$8.00each	5	\$40.00
Plastic Bins for Storage	\$14.00each	20	\$280.00
Ministry Laptop Computer	\$650.00	1	\$650.00
Gift Cards(to supplement what clothing we cannot provide)	\$500.00	50 x \$10.00 gift cards	\$500.00
			Total Estimated Cost/Budget: 1699.00

By providing free clothing, our ministry allows individuals and families to use their limited resources for other necessities. Your support would help us to maintain this as an ongoing ministry, as well as have a wide variety of clothing easily accessible to meet needs as they arise. It will also provide us with the ability to distribute clothing more frequently and effectively.