

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: **Camp Lake Louise**

Affiliation with ABCUSA: **The camp is owned by ABC Michigan.**

Address: **10750 Stafford Road, Boyne Falls, Michigan 49713**

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Contact person: **Chelsy Eaton** email: **eaton@camplakelouise.com**

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement

"Leading campers to Know God, to Love God, and to Serve God through Faith in Jesus Christ."

- 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.

Please see attached

3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? **Located on page 3, following the Grant Application.**
4. Total cost of the project: **\$325/camper for one full week, \$75/camper for a weekend retreat. Last year, funding was provided to send 68 campers, fully funded, through the Psalm 68:5 Scholarship. The expectation of applicants for the Psalm 68:5 Scholarship in 2015 is 80. There has been a greater outreach in the state and greater promotion of the opportunity to attend camp. If every request is for a full week of camp, the total will be \$26,000. It is projected that some will attend a partial week of camp, lowering this total to \$24,000 if funds can be raised.**
5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: **\$3,250 in order to fund 10 kids for a full week of camp in 2015.**
6. Your other funding source(s): **For this specific scholarship (Psalm 68:5), a single donor began the program in 2012. It has been expanding rapidly, and the number of campers that attend fully funded is growing. Work is being done to gain additional donors and grants to assist in funding so that more kids can benefit. A variety of donors donate to Camp Lake Louise for other general or specific purposes, and the camp takes in revenue each week of operation. These additional donations and camp revenues do not directly fund the Psalm 68:5 Scholarship though.**

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): *Chelsy Eaton* Date: **2/20/2015**

Printed Name/Title: **Chelsy Eaton, Resident Director**

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.



There are millions of children in the United States that are growing up fatherless. The rates of poverty, crime, high school drop outs, and teen pregnancy are much higher for children and youth that grow up without a father present in their lives. As these children become adults, if their life course is not changed, their children will likely face the same struggles and fate. The cycle will continue for generations.

Through personal experience working at Rawhide Boys Ranch, a residential treatment facility for adjudicated youth in Wisconsin, the effects of fatherlessness were extremely evident. Many of these teenagers were into drugs, gangs, and had committed multiple crimes and felonies. Most had never known their father or had been abandoned by their father at a young age. They did not know how a man should act and what it meant to be a good man, husband, or father. Here, they were able to spend time with positive male and female role models and learn what it is to be a man. Many of these young men already had children of their own. In turn, those babies were growing up without a father present because he was already being detained in a correctional facility. The cycle needs to end sooner, and children need to learn about their heavenly father before they reach adulthood.

In 2012, a donor approached the board chair of Camp Lake Louise with a specific request. He would donate a large sum of money for scholarships if Camp Lake Louise would use the funds strictly for children growing up fatherless. The biblical basis of this scholarship comes from Psalm 68:5 "A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling." The Psalm 68:5 Scholarship was born.

The donor pledged a pre-designated annual gift in order to get the program started. Since 2012, the number of camp attendees funded through the Psalm 68:5 Scholarship has grown greatly. Additional funds will be needed so that this program can continue to grow, and more children can be served. The hope is that children will not be turned down due to insufficient funding.

In planning for 2015, two staff members have been hired to work with campers that attend on the Psalm 68:5 Scholarship. These are young adults that have grown up without a father in their lives. They wish to help others and will serve as mentors for the campers. The female staff member will work with the girls while the male staff member will work with the boys. They can relate to the struggles that the children and youth face and help them understand God's role as our Father and what that means for them. They will share their stories and allow the campers to share stories and struggles with them, offering advice or just an ear to listen.

The Camp Lake Louise directors and board members have been working with churches, Boys and Girls Clubs, and the Michigan Department of Human Services so that a greater number of children can be reached. The future goal is to link local mentors with campers through churches and the Boys and Girls Club so that when they return home, they have a local mentor that can work with them year-round. Through the Department of Human Services, we are able to reach children that are orphans and in the foster care system so that they, too, can attend camp. The goal is to keep expanding this program and to reach more children so that they can alter their future. There has also been additional training for staff so that they will be able to work with the challenges that some of these kids may bring.

God has done tremendous work with these children in wonderful ways over the past few years. Increased funding will be needed in order to fully fund more children through the Psalm 68:5 Scholarship. Each life that is reached is one more life that has the potential to be changed. Each life that is changed will affect the generations that follow. These children are getting the chance to change their life story.

Camp Lake Louise Budget: 2014 (actual) 2015 (projected)		
Operating Income	2014	2015
Church Contributions	21,682	25,000
Individual Contributions	264,693	52,000
Registrations	96,646	95,000
Rentals		11,000
Sales	4,825	3,000
Other Income	100	250
Total Operating Income	387,951	186,250
Operating Expense		
Salaries and Wages	60,664	80,000
Medicare	696	1,160
FICA	2,978	4,960
Workman's Compensation	1,308	1,600
Retirement/MM-BB-DGJ		
Medical Insurance		
Off-Season Housing/Director		
Telephone	2,681	2,600
Office Supplies	1,341	2,300
Postage	470	3,000
Utilities	10,215	9,300
Maintenance-Property	47,390	20,000
Maintenance-Vehicle	255	2,000
Maintenance-Equipment	1,266	2,000
Equipment Purchase	2,489	1,000
Depreciation		
Insurance	6,348	8,400
Audit	758	1,500
Program Expense	2,958	5,400
Cost of Food	29,770	31,000
Cost of Sales		
Special Camp Projects	100	
Travel and Promotion	659	2,000
Misc. Transportation		
Camp Leadership Training	589	600
Organization Membership	815	1,150
Software Purchase		1,770
Uncategorized Expense	713	500
Total Operating Expense	178,189	184,440
Net Operating Income	209,762	1,810

Please see below for Registration/Scholarship funding breakdown

Camp Lake Louise, Budget Breakdown for Registrations and Scholarships		
Income	2014	2015
Registration Income	73,987	77,500
Cost of Registration	(2,555.63)	(2,500)
Scholarships awarded (Psalm 68:5 and others)	25,215	20,000 (currently raised)
Total Registrations	96,646.62	95,000