

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 : First Baptist Church of Cross Mills: Mission Ministry

Affiliation with ABCUSA__Member_____

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Contact person: Reverend Paul Rollins, email PaulRollins@Juno.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: Project is currently running on donations.

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant_\$3590.

6. Your other funding source(s): Donations

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)

Rev Paul Rollins

Date: 2/25/2015

Printed Name/Title__Reverend Paul Rollins

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 distributed on Oct. 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



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Mission Statement:

Our Mission is to serve a pancake breakfast on the first Saturday of each month and to encourage other churches to do the same so that we may raise money for our local homeless families.

Mission Title: “Pancakes 4 a Purpose” (The “4” appeals to a young generation.)

Ambassador of Mission: Harriet Lamont, 401-644-4113,

LamontHarriet@gmail.com –“Pancake Coordinator”

This is a mission that Cross Mills Baptist Church has been serving for 11 months and has raised \$3437.00, after costs. The pancake breakfasts directly funded the efforts of Family Housing Support, a non-profit, volunteer serving organization started by members of local churches to benefit local homeless families with children. (Harriet Lamont is a member on Steering Committee.) We encouraged another church, Church of the Holy Spirit, Charlestown, RI (Episcopal) that has hosted four pancake breakfasts, raising \$1,800. They will continue again in April. Dunn’s Corner Community Church, Presbyterian recently decided to begin a breakfast as well. One of their members is also a prominent member of Family Housing Support. It is with her, Lorraine Michaud and with Nora Safford, a member of Cross Mills and dedicated cook of each breakfast, that we worked out the plan and needs of this mission together, with the support of Reverend Paul Rollins.

Further, through this grant, we hope to encourage any church, of all denominations, in supporting their local homeless communities. The tools provided by this grant will allow for better presentation, encouragement and clear communication, using effective printed resources, Face Book and e-mail.

Mission Specifics and Activity:

- Host a pancake breakfast on the first Saturday of each month and forward proceeds to Family Housing Support.
- The Breakfast is *free*, by donations, allowing larger families to go out and have a breakfast they can afford at their personal comfort level and benefit the cause as well.
- Encourage increased participation and support from the church and community members and for other local churches to host a pancake breakfast on the second, third, fourth and fifth Saturday of each month that will provide sustainable funding for the “Family Housing Support” project.
- Producing a monthly place mat, from legal size paper, that will communicate mission successes, encourage participation and give news and information.
- Producing a small simple coloring book that is one legal size paper, folded like a book that opens, telling the story a 12 year-old boy wrote, “If I Were a Gift” and he would be a house. On the back panel it says **Sunday School is Fun!** and tells the time of church and Sunday School.
- To forward the proceeds of each breakfast to Family Housing Support. We subtract the cost of pancake ingredients, sausage, apple and orange juice, paper products, etc out of the proceeds.
- Will be producing a booklet, easily made with a copier, origami, and busy hands that will communicate where future pancake breakfasts will be. This will be handed out to the people attending the breakfasts. “Pancake Finder”
- Having dedicated team members who know their tasks. 2-3 cooks, 2 servers, 1 greeter/hostess.
- Introducing new people to the core team who can fill in when core members can’t make the breakfast.
- Having a greeter who clearly explains to guests the purpose of the pancake breakfasts and the use of any donations received. The greeter also explains the procedures: that they can help themselves to coffee, tea and juice. Then a server will come over to take their order and serve them homemade pancakes (strawberry, blueberry, chocolate chip or plain) and sausage.
- Pastor is present to further create a friendly environment and coloring books have been effective in sometimes showing attending children our Sunday School room: with recent success in attracting new children to the church for next year.
- Free advertising in local community paper, Good News newspaper, and a new finding, RI Monthly.com and flyers posted.

Financial Budget

We currently fund activities ourselves. Harriet updates the "Pancake Daily News" placemat monthly and will continue to update or improve the coloring book, pancake finder and flyers that are distributed free to the Good News Newspaper. She also produces the flyers for copying specific to each church's breakfast. We want to add a Face Book entity. Harriet is willing to do this project, once more churches come on board. The biggest request from Loraine Michaud, from the newly added Presbyterian Church, is to have a facilitator at the first three breakfasts that they give: providing encouragement, task distribution and basically clearly communicating a successful pancake breakfast. Harriet is willing to do this and could more effectively do so with an updated printer, with the cost of ink covered and support for the mileage, which is 57.5 cents per mile (IRS 2015 standard). This would help with facilitating the breakfasts, and for the informational and motivational speeches given to interested churches to gain support and volunteers. The following are useful promotional and functional tools that make the breakfast better communicated to the volunteers, as well as the guests, so that everyone is encouraged.

Visors (to keep a clean appearance hygienic, a reward for good service and advertising tool): (50) **-\$200.00**
Aprons: for reuse in the kitchen – 4 per church where we will hand paint mission title (20) **-\$150.00**
Griddles: Cross Mills needs 2 restaurant-grade griddles and for churches that showed a 3+ month commitment, supporting them with these griddles would be effective as the Walmart quality is not withstanding for this purpose. Even a full kitchen needs the griddle, estimating 3 churches (can re-issue if church discontinues) completing three month goal in one year with Cross Mills needing it now, (\$140 x 8 =) **- \$1120.00**

Professional Printing budget:

-Invitations people can give to invite other churches to come for potential engagement in doing a breakfast at their church

-Printed larger posters to promote 3 or 4 churches in a close proximity, to be posted in public locations.

estimate - \$400.00

Strategic Marketing locations (for instance \$50 annual at local mini-mart central to 2 active churches)

- \$200.00

Signage: Each church needs a sign in their parking lot, next to the road, (most effective form of advertising and gets locals into the church); cost is \$129, would like to help with this expense but if they discontinued breakfast, would re-issue sign.

estimate - \$400.00

Printer: Harriet's printer is over 8 years old and is now only printing in black and white. Personalized table tents and other better in-color presentation materials, when a small number is required, can be printed more cost effectively. Harriet has Multi-media certification from URI and experience with graphics **estimate - \$200.00**

Cost of Travel: promoting and encouraging participation involves travel to facilitate.

(Estimate 40 miles for 40 weeks??? @57.5cents per mile) **- \$920.00**

(#5)..... Requesting \$3590.00

Please be assured, funds will be well documented with receipts, a 6 month report will be submitted on time and if the estimate is an over-estimate, then the unused portion will be returned. Funds will be deposited into Mission fund, which is separate from church expenses. Harriet is a former Banker of 11 years, Hospital Trust, BankBoston, Fleet Bank, Bank of America and familiar with good record keeping.

(#6) We will continue to rely on donations and good will, but our mission could be more effective and far-reaching with additional funds. Our desire is to provide assistance for as many homeless families and children as possible. Receiving this grant would do a great deal to give needed support, credibility and energy to our mission.

(#3) Benefitting All

- We have at this time two other churches that are considering a pancake breakfast. By continuing to develop and share our system of organization, we can better help them address their concerns and have successful breakfasts. After putting on pancake breakfasts for nearly a year, we are now proving that having a consistent breakfast, every month on the same Saturday, is producing effective results toward our goal. Adding a facilitator who knows she will be supported with the expenses of communicating effectively will greatly move things along as well.
- Churches become energized from service. People feel a sense of purpose.
- Public is entering into the churches seeing that we actively help people. We are demonstrating God's love for his people, no matter their life circumstance.
- Children and parents are being introduced to Sunday School as well as the church's potential in a friendly and supportive environment.

Mission of "Family Housing Support"

Helping Families with Children:

It all started when a group of concerned citizens came together in June of 2013 to learn more about a known problem in our own back yard. Although we have resources to assist homeless individuals in our area, there are no temporary housing options for families with children. In our coastal communities, there are families with children living out of their cars, in campgrounds or in hotels. The Family Housing Support Project has been created as a grass roots effort to give these families a temporary place to land while they get the assistance they need.

Mission:

- To Fight Homelessness in Charlestown, Hopkinton, Richmond and Westerly
- To establish a community partnership to address the needs of families who are homeless or on the verge of homelessness in the Westerly-Chariho area.
- **Specifically:** To raise \$40,000 for emergency apartments for homeless families. To house families for up to 90 days each with emergency housing in the apartments provided.

Accomplishments:

- Established 25 local faith communities and civic organizations committed to support the mission and goals of Family Housing Support
- Established a brochure that explains the need and contacts of supporting organizations. This flier is distributed throughout the local faith communities and at breakfasts
- Established support services that contribute to the needs of the Homeless families that have qualified for the support.
- Established 2 apartments and have helped 6 families in just over one year and will be able to help 3-4 families per year, per apartment.

Wrap around service providers:

- ❖ Jonnycake Center of Westerly
- ❖ RICAN
- ❖ The Society of St Vincent DePaul c/o Immaculate Conception Church
- ❖ WARM Center: This organization is a homeless shelter and soup kitchen and will administer the apartment and provide support services. This organization has very specific expertise in providing certain support services.
- ❖ Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center
- ❖ Habitat for Humanity & Restore

"Pancakes 4 a Purpose" can be done in many churches across the state and country, with each church deciding what organization benefits their local homeless people, especially with children, a growing population. We can further state that these church communities and attending guests are energized to rise to the occasion when we need to and we do not just look the other way. When many people get involved, news spreads and more people get informed, which increases awareness and ready solutions.