

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION 2015

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 Military Street Baptist Church/Adopt-a-Block of Aroostook

Affiliation with ABCUSA A ministry of MSBC

Address 307 Military Street, Houlton, ME 04730

Phone 207-532-2783 x 103 Federal Tax ID# 27-3532809

Contact person Tammy R. Goetsch email tammyg@houltonmsbc.org

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 \$8,280.51

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$4,520

6. Your other funding source(s) Military Street Baptist Church

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)  Date 02-17-15

Printed Name/Title Tammy Goetsch, Executive Administrative Assistant, MSBC /Program Director for AABA

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.

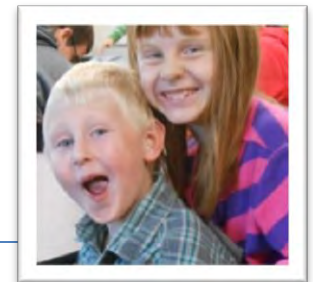




Adopt-A-Block of Aroostook Mission Statement

The purpose and mission of Adopt-A-Block of Aroostook (AABA) is to impact our communities by bringing hope and love one block at a time, by assisting with food, clothing needs, life-skills education and “Project Prevention: Keeping Families Together.” It’s about giving a “hand-up” not a “hand-out.”

AABA- Mission Statement for Children’s Programs:



The mission of Adopt-A-Block of Aroostook’s (AABA) children’s programs is to mobilize resources and energy to ensure the well-being of young children in Aroostook County, provide supportive services to parents and caregivers, and build awareness, momentum, and advocacy in the community around children and family issues.



MATTHEW 25 GRANT NARRATIVE-ADOPT A BLOCK OF AROOSTOOK 2015

Aroostook County, the Crown of Maine, is Maine's northernmost county, and remains one of its most rural, isolated, and disadvantaged regions. Although the rugged beauty of the landscape is picturesque, its people are marginalized and despairing. Our community has a 27% poverty rate, and we see its effects every day. That grinding poverty, functional illiteracy, rampant substance abuse, and day-to-day struggle are all taking their toll.

With the funds from ABCUSA Matthew 25 grant, we plan to continue to target two specific projects of Adopt-A-Block of Aroostook (AABA): the "Choices" after-school program and "Just 4 Boys" summer camp.

"Choices": AABA responded to a need in the community when we learned that the local schools would be releasing their students an hour earlier every Tuesday to allow for Professional Learning Groups for teachers. This early release presented a hardship for many families in our community. Our community's families struggle with transportation and childcare, anyway, and this additional complication presented a problem. We saw and met that need by partnering with the local schools to bus students grades 1-8 to our church for an afterschool program.

We are encouraged with the results each year; in fact, our numbers tripled the second year and remain strong this year. From the start of the first year, the word is out that "Choices" provides reliable after-school programming for children. The children have been pouring off the school buses and MSBC van since September. [We now regularly serve between 55 and 70 children each week, with half of them in grades two and three.] Because of the rapport built over time and with regular contact with low-income families on our blocks, trust has been built to provide safe, structured, and nurturing educational activities for those children. It is wonderful to see children returning each year and children not on our blocks coming too. Children are inviting their classmates. The children continue to respond well to the varied character development activities, the individualized attention, and the safe haven. The children on our waiting list are invariably excited about being able to join "Choices," and parents report that they talk of little else during the week. Terrific Tuesday Kids Choir, a choice for students, provides children an opportunity to learn a musical drama presenting the gospel for parents and the community two times each school year.

Since we are serving the numbers of students for 34 weeks out of the year, the funds requested must be used for curriculum, educational materials and supplies, healthy snacks, and staffing. We will use these funds to provide activities that build character, promote trust, and build and model healthy relationships with volunteers and staff. In order to break generational cycles of poverty the church must actively provide everything that Matthew 25 encompasses. Our program focuses on just that. If we can reach children at an early age, we are hopeful that the cycles of poverty can be broken in their lifetime.

"Just 4 Boys": We are requesting funds for the fifth annual summer camp program for at-risk boys aged 7-12 called "Just 4 Boys." We invite trusted and respected men and women of all ages in our community who love the Lord, love to have fun, and have a heart to build into the lives of the next generation. These volunteers are able to build relationships with the boys as they pour into them, showing them the love of Christ.

The specific intention of our program is to provide fun and challenging activities for boys, opportunities for the presentation of the gospel, spiritual growth and development, community service projects, and Christ-centered achievement opportunities. Funding will help us to continue to provide activities such as art projects, day trips, camping, cooking, fishing, swimming, music and science. We will continue to offer three weeks of "Just 4 Boys" day camp five days a week and hope to continue to increase our camper numbers from 25 last year to 30 boys this year. Funds from this grant will enable us to make more than one trip in the van to pick up and drop off campers. With more campers, additional food, supplies, transportation and staffing will be needed.

Several of these campers started out by attending the Choices after School Program, which shows us that healthy relationships are being built, lives are being changed and that the church is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty in our community. One camper named "Tyler" was one of these boys. He had come to us with some health and emotional issues. Over the last two years we have seen marked improvements in his ability to focus, communicate with others and participate in physical activities. His family started to attend church on Sunday and gave their lives to Christ. This past December he and his brother were dedicated at Church and the following month, after attending membership classes, his parents were baptized and welcomed into membership here at Military Street Baptist Church.

With the continued financial support from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 grant, we anticipate that the Adopt-A-Block of Aroostook ministries will continue to be strengthened and deepened. We also anticipate that this corner of the Crown of Maine will begin to shine for the Kingdom as we "love our neighbors as ourselves". Thank you for prayerfully considering our requests.



Just 4 Boys Summer Program & Choices Afterschool Program

Matthew 25 Grant

2015-2016 Budget

PROJECTED EXPENSES

Just 4 Boys Summer Program

Total Program Cost in 2014

\$5,147.00

Equipment & Misc.

Supplies	610.00
T- Shirts	350.00
Sports Equipment & Games	300.00
Food for program and overnight campout	300.00
Curriculum-Bibles	225.00
Transportation-Gasoline for Van	350.00

subtotal \$2,135

Special Outings

Lake Days	150.00
Archery & Fishing Day Trip	190.00
Local Field Trips	200.00
Rock Climbing @ University of Maine PI	125.00

subtotal \$665

Total requested for Just 4 Boys

\$2,770

PROJECTED EXPENSES

Choices Afterschool Program

Total Program Cost in 2014

\$3,133.51

Equipment & Misc.

Transportation-Gasoline for Van	350.00
Games & supplies	300.00
Curriculum & Posters	200.00
Healthy Snacks for 34 weeks	900.00

Total requested for Choices Afterschool

\$1,750

Total amount of request

\$4,520

Gift in Kind-Donations

Military Street Baptist (MSBC) 2015-2016 Matthew 25 Grant

GIK-Facility

Utilities

Facility Space Usage	1,500.00	GIK
Electricity	250.00	GIK
Telephone	75.00	GIK
Water	100.00	GIK

GIK utilities **\$1,925**

GIK-Volunteers

Volunteer Hours (from 2014)

Total of Volunteer Hours* (\$20.10 hour x 1,100 hrs.)		
Choices	\$22,110	GIK
Total of Volunteer Hours* (\$20.10 hour x 1,200 hrs.)		
J4Boys	\$24,120	GIK

Total vol. hrs. **\$46,230.**

Total G.I.K. Donations **\$48,155**

Choices Administrative Hours

Administration Hours by MSBC (\$16.75 hr. x 100)	\$1,675.00	MSBC funds
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Just 4 Boys Administrative Hours

Administration Hours by MSBC (\$16.75 hr. x 75)	\$1,256.25	MSBC funds
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Total Salaries **\$6,764.51**

Other Funding Source (s)

Military Street Baptist Church Designated Giving	\$3,749.51	
	Other Giving	\$3,749.51

Total of Other Funding Sources **\$10,514.02**

*http://independentsector.org/volunteer_time

2014 Treasurer's Report

Adopt A Block of Aroostook

2015 Proposed Budget

Income	2015 Budget
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Corporate & Business Grants	\$5,000
Non-Profit Organization Grants	\$5,000
Designated Income	\$4,000
Individual/Business Contributions	\$12,075
United Way	\$20,000
Interest Income	
Fundraising Income	\$5,000

Total Income	\$51,075
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Expenses:	2015 Budget
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Business Expenses	\$250
Fundraising Expense	\$1,000
Special Events:	
Block Party	\$2,000
Christmas	\$800
Thanksgiving	\$2,000
Outreach Expenses	
After School Program	\$4,000
Boy's Camp	\$5,000
Outreach Workshops	\$600
Outreach Misc.	\$500
Outreach Supplies	\$200
Benevolence Expenses	\$600
Fees/Permits	\$550

Expenses:	2015 Budget
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Outside Services	\$500
Facilities/Equipment	
Electricity	\$100
Propane/Heat	\$1,000
Rent	\$1,000
Scholarships	\$200
Operations	

Expenses: (continued)	2015 Budget
Advertising	\$500
Books/Subscriptions	\$100
Office Supplies	\$250
Postage	\$50
Telephone/Internet	\$525
Other Expenses	
Miscellaneous	\$250
Staff/Volunteer	\$600
Use Tax	\$200
Payroll Expenses	\$1,900
Wages	\$25,000
Travel & Meetings	
Conferences/Mtgs./Cont. Education	\$1,000
Meals & Entertainment	\$150
Travel & Lodging	\$250
Total Expenses	\$51,075