

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION – 2/18/2015

1. General Information:

Organization Name: Center for Spiritual Health at Morgan Park Baptist Church

Affiliation with ABCUSA: ABC – Metro Chicago

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2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement:
- We are an American Baptist congregation living our lives rooted in Jesus Christ. As such, we embrace all people while proclaiming joyfully the life-changing message of God's love and eagerly accepting the commission of Jesus Christ to help bring compassion and healing to all creation. The Center for Spiritual Health at Morgan Park Baptist Church is the outreach we provide to the people of Beverly/Morgan Park to bring opportunities for healing.
- A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY. The proposed budget for helping the less fortunate in our neighborhoods by providing professional counseling to those who cannot afford counseling is \$3,250. It is broken down as follows: 60 (sixty) hour-long sessions of professional counseling by a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC), licensed by the State of Illinois, provided to low-income adults, children and families at a cost of \$50 per session and \$250 to promote the program.

3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? Our neighborhood in Chicago shut down its city-run Mental Health Clinic due to budget cuts in 2013. There is a serious gap in providing professional counseling to low-income individuals and families in our neighborhood. The State of Illinois has received a grade of D when it comes to providing mental health services. This is especially so for people with low income. The Center for Spiritual Health at Morgan Park Baptist Church wishes to expand its services to cover some of the gaps in mental health services for those with low-income. We were awarded a grant of \$2,500 in 2013 to initiate this program – which has been very successful and has been written about in local newspapers.

4. Total cost of the project: \$3,250 (\$3,000 for 60 hour-long professional counseling services and \$250 for publicity to promote outreach/mission program).

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$3,250.00

6. Your other funding source(s): Morgan Park Baptist Church funds

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. Dr. Thomas Aldworth* - Date February 18, 2015

Printed Name/Title: Rev. Dr. Thomas Aldworth, Pastor of Morgan Park Baptist Church and Director of the Center for Spiritual Health at Morgan Park Baptist Church