

New Application: CATALYST GRANT

We WILL NOT be able to carry out this project if our request is partially funded. FUTURE FUNDING: Our goal is to have more than one source of funding from donors. Included within our project is a voted fund-raising committee whose sole responsibility is to look for resources of funding and to partner with local and nation-wide organizations who donate to missions such as ours that help to alleviate some of the stress of the poor and to help to train and give opportunities to the less fortunate.

GRANT TYPE: Catalyst

REQUESTED AMOUNT: \$10,000.00

New Beginnings SDA Church

CONTACT

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PROJECT LOCATION

209 W 21st St

Wichita Kansas 67203 [REDACTED]

PROJECT CATEGORIES

- Church community engagement
- Disadvantaged or underserved communities
- Education and science education
- Health and wellness
- Humanitarian efforts
- Social justice
- Women's and children's efforts
- Youth and young adults

Pastor Cohort Study? Yes

TAX STATUS

New Beginnings SDA Church is owned/operated by a Seventh-day Adventist entity

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

Established 1925, continuously operating for the past two years.

Our purpose is to provide a bridge between the New Beginnings Seventh-Day Adventist Church and the city of Wichita, Kansas. Our goal is to educate predominantly under privileged and poor communities that they may have the best knowledge to better themselves and their loved ones. We aim to equip people with the necessary skills and tools in order to promote growth in decisions that effects both the home and the local community, mental health and financial stability. Our main focus is to provide resources that will empower people who have been left powerless. Empower

people who are unaware of opportunities. Empower people that they may return and empower others.

The city of Wichita has a high volume of predominately poor communities that are in need of opportunities to help that will assist not only a physical need such as clothes, food, and water; but also, the need of educating and providing resources that will help elevate communities from their current predicament.

Currently, we have a food pantry that provides food and drink to feed hundreds in the local Wichita area. We did a study and asked those who attend if they would go hungry without our pantry and 40% said yes because they don't have the means to feed themselves. We also have provided food and health items. However, we aim to extend our reach to address some of the other needs through education programs, seminars, and acts of kindness.

CREDENTIALS, ACCREDITATIONS, ETC.

We are affiliated with the Central States Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists.

We partner with the Wichita Food Bank in order to provide food and clothes for hundreds of families per month.

We are affiliated with the Wichita Ministerial Alliance which address the needs of the community such as homelessness, shortages of food and clothes, social injustice, and more

ABOUT THE PROJECT/PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION:

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ACTIVITIES:

How Do We Make an Impact?

1. Educating through workshops, seminars, and conferences on topics such as mental health, social justice, financial literacy, budgeting, voting rights, and job interview training.
 - a. There is a great need for hands-on training. Therefore, the goal would not be to ONLY have the participant sit and just listen but to also, for example create a budget on the spot, go through a mock interview, create a resume during the seminar, etc.
2. One of the greatest attacks against the home is the stress of life that damages mental health. New Beginnings looks to promote good mental health. One of the ways we aim to do this is to sponsor one therapy session with a licensed mental health therapist.
3. Meeting the needs of the community through adoption of communities and a local school.

- a. For schools, we would provide book bags and school supplies for both teachers and kids who cannot afford them.
- b. For the community, we would provide household necessities, baby supplies like diapers and wipes, clothing, and in partnership with our food pantry edible items.
- c. Sponsoring high-school students to college campus visits like Wichita State, Union and Oakwood.

BENEFICIARIES:

Our target audience is the pre-dominantly poor and disadvantaged in the Wichita, KS city. We want to give opportunities to people who otherwise would not have any. The goal of our mission is to level the playing field as much as we possibly can. We do this in two ways. First, by simple acts of kindness. From giving away school supplies to donating home necessities and food. Our target audience first need simple “felt needs” met such as hunger and clothing. Secondly, our audience, because of poverty, are not able to go on college campus visits, afford mental health therapy, and the school systems are not up to standards in the pre-dominantly poor black communities. Our beneficiaries are families that live in poor neighborhoods and children that attend schools without adequate resources. Our desire is to make an impact in their circumstance that will lead to them having greater opportunities to be successful.

Currently, we have a food pantry that is open every Wednesday of the year. In partnership with the Wichita Food Bank, we serve over 100 families a month. There have been multiple families who have shared with us that they would go hungry if it were not for our food pantry being available to the community. In conjunction with the food pantry, we give away free apparel including shoes, socks, pants, dresses, shirts, suits, and more. Currently, we collect these items from people within the community, the local churches, and local stores donating to us as well.

Our desire is to make a greater impact by not only giving handouts but to give hands up by training individuals that they may be properly equipped to succeed in this life.

ANY DISADVANTAGED OR UNDERSERVED GROUPS AMONG BENEFICIARIES:

Similar to section C5, our beneficiaries are those who are predominantly living in poor black and Hispanic neighborhoods. We have identified large communities of individuals in the northeast portion of Wichita, KS who live in low-income housing and schools that are subpar. We have found that this is where you find most of the single parent homes, children and entire families without sufficient home and school supplies, and families that do not have access to adequate food.

FUNDING

If this request is funded, we agree to provide a full financial accounting of how Versafund monies were used, and agree to be audited if requested. Additional Funding Sources:

Amount	Source
\$10,000	Applying for ACS Seeds Donation on January 18, 2024
\$10,000	Researching to join the Center for Community Change at Andrews University

Project Costs

Description	Amount
Conferences, Workshops, Seminars, Hands-On Training	\$4,000

Gifts of Kindness	\$3,000
Campus Visits for Prospective Students	\$2,000
Mental Health sessions	\$1,500
Promotion	\$1,000
Misc	\$1,000
Total	\$12,050

Project Income	
Description	Amount
Total	\$0

ONLINE COVERAGE

Please provide links to online coverage or mention of your organization, of your project, or of your project administrators.

Food Pantry Links:

1. <https://fb.watch/pgpu09Ahfr/>
2. <https://fb.watch/pgpAP9-pOA/>
3. <https://fb.watch/pgqN5wUv2f/>

Worshipping With and Feeding the Homeless Pictures of the Outreach (24 pics total):

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=345377411146141&set=pcb.345378397812709>

Community Day (Giving Away Food and Clothes) (40+ pics total):

1. <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=251979800485903&set=pcb.251980207152529>
2. <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=251276250556258&set=pcb.251278977222652>
3. <https://fb.watch/pgrePiAio4/>