	LiGHT Grant Application 2026	
	2026 LiGHT Grant Cover Form and Guidelines	

Name of individual, group or organization: Matthew 25, Inc.

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Name of the program as it would appear on the grant award: Women's Health Access and
Gynecological Care Program

Describe who the grant award will serve and approximate number affected: Matthew 25 is requesting \$2,000
 To support its Women's Health Access Program, providing essential gynecological supplies and medications for approximately 100 women annually.

Dollar amount requested: \$2,000

Would the program be offered if only a *partial* grant from LiGHT is made? Yes

Summary paragraph of the grant award requested: _____
 > May be utilized for part of the presentation.

Matthew 25 is requesting a \$2,000 Wells County Foundation LiGHT Grant to purchase essential supplies and medications. Funding will support preventative screenings, examinations, and treatment for approximately 100 women annually, helping ensure access to affordable, high-quality healthcare regardless of ability to pay.

Complete all requested items below:

- 1) This Cover Form
- 2) Project Narrative, 1-5 pages typed, including:
 - What need in the Community will this program address? Give evidence to substantiate your request. (i.e., data, letters of recommendation, etc.)
 - What do you want to do?
 - What is your timeline?
 - What results do you expect?
 - If partnering with other organizations, please list.
 - Describe the program and tell how the funds from the grant will be used based on your budget
 - Signature page: To include endorsement of the project or program by the requesting agency's Board of Directors. This page must include a signature of the Board president.
- 3) Detailed budget



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Project Narrative

For 50 years, Matthew 25 Health and Care has been dedicated to improving the health and well-being of individuals and families throughout Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio. During our 2024-2025 fiscal year alone, Matthew 25 provided 32,179 patient visits to 7,329 unique patients, demonstrating both the significant need for accessible healthcare and the trust our community places in our services. Women represent approximately 56% of our patient population and are often the foundation of their families, serving as mothers, daughters, grandmothers, caregivers, and providers. When women have access to quality healthcare, entire families benefit.

The need for accessible women's healthcare continues to grow throughout our community. Many of the women served by Matthew 25 come from low-income households and face financial, cultural, language, and transportation barriers that limit access to preventive and specialty healthcare services. Nearly two-thirds of our patients are Hispanic, a population that frequently experiences disparities in access to preventive and reproductive healthcare. Without affordable care, women often delay appointments, miss essential screenings, or go without treatment, increasing their risk of serious health complications and negatively impacting their ability to care for their families and remain active in the workforce.

To address this need, Matthew 25 operates a gynecology clinic that provides comprehensive women's healthcare services, including annual exams, cervical cancer screenings, family planning services, menopause management, treatment for abnormal menstrual cycles, pelvic pain, ovarian cysts, uterine fibroids, and other gynecological concerns. The clinic currently serves more than 100 women annually, and demand for services continues to increase. Funding from the Wells County Foundation LiGHT Grant will help ensure that women receive timely preventive care, screenings, and treatment regardless of their ability to pay.

Matthew 25 is requesting \$2,000 to purchase essential gynecological supplies and medications, including disposable speculums and estradiol cream. These items are critical to delivering safe, effective, and hygienic care. Disposable speculums are necessary for pelvic exams and cervical cancer screenings, while estradiol cream provides relief for women experiencing menopause-related symptoms such as vaginal dryness, urinary discomfort, and painful intercourse. For many patients, these medications are either financially unattainable or not covered by insurance. Grant funding will be used entirely for these direct patient care supplies and medications, allowing Matthew 25 to maintain an adequate inventory and expand access to treatment for women who would otherwise go without care.

The project period will align with Matthew 25's 2026-2027 fiscal year, running from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027. During this time, grant funds will be used to purchase supplies and medications that support ongoing gynecology clinic operations and growing patient demand.

Services will be delivered throughout the year during regularly scheduled clinic sessions, ensuring continuous access to care for women in our community.

As a result of this project, Matthew 25 expects to increase access to women's healthcare services and provide additional examinations, screenings, and treatments for women throughout the region. Funding will help the clinic serve more women, improve access to preventive care, promote earlier detection of cervical cancer and other gynecological conditions, and reduce barriers to treatment. By ensuring women receive care before conditions become more serious, Matthew 25 can improve health outcomes while helping patients continue caring for their families, maintaining employment, and participating fully in their communities.

Matthew 25's gynecology clinic is made possible through a strong network of volunteer providers and community partnerships. Dr. Scherger, a licensed gynecologist, volunteers his time monthly to provide specialty care. Ms. Chapman, a gynecology nurse practitioner from Parkview Physicians Group, volunteers during evening clinics. Matthew 25 nursing staff provide additional support to ensure quality patient care. Parkview Health also assists through specialty referrals and access to OBGYN services when additional treatment is necessary.

Additional community partnerships strengthen the continuum of care available to patients. Francine's Friends Mobile Mammography provides free onsite mammograms each month, increasing access to lifesaving breast cancer screenings. Matthew 25 also collaborates with organizations including Healthier Moms and Babies, Neighborhood Health, local hospital systems, and other healthcare providers to support women and families throughout pregnancy and beyond. The St. Vincent de Paul Care Van plays a critical role by providing free transportation to medical appointments, helping overcome one of the most significant barriers many patients face in accessing healthcare.

The impact of this project extends far beyond individual patient visits. Investing in women's health creates healthier families and stronger communities. The women served by Matthew 25 are raising children, caring for aging parents, supporting households, and contributing to the local workforce. Through preventive care, early intervention, screenings, and treatment, Matthew 25 empowers women to take charge of their health and improve their quality of life. Support from the Wells County Foundation will allow the clinic to serve more women, meet growing demand, and ensure that essential gynecological care remains accessible to those who need it most. By investing in these critical supplies and medications, the Wells County Foundation will help women receive the care they need to thrive, strengthening families and improving community health across Wells County and the surrounding region.

Board President

Name: Wil Smith, Chair

Matthew 25 Project Budget				
Medication/Product	Company	Quantity	Price	Cost
Estradiol Cream .01%	Anda Med	72	\$ 13.00	\$ 936.00
Case of Disposable Speculums	Henry Schein	8	\$ 145.00	\$ 1,160.00
			TOTAL	\$ 2,096.00

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Location 413 E. Jefferson Blvd. (in person) or via ZOOM **Time: 7:30 am** – minutes are kept every meeting.
2026 Board Meeting Dates: January 28, March 18, May 20, July 22, September 16, and November 18.

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF COMPASSIONATE CARE



This year, Matthew 25 celebrates an extraordinary milestone—**FIFTY YEARS** of serving our community with dignity, compassion, and unwavering commitment.

What began in 1975 as a small prayer group inspired by the words of Matthew 25 has grown into a thriving healthcare ministry touching thousands of lives each year. Guided by Father Tom O'Connor, who had already been serving neighbors in need from the rectory's back door, the group recognized a deeper need: access to basic healthcare.

After eight months of prayer and planning, the Matthew 25 Health Clinic opened on May 1, 1976. What began as a small effort to provide health education and basic screenings quickly evolved into a vital source of acute care for people with nowhere else to turn. As the needs of the community expanded, so did the mission. In 1979, a volunteer-run dental clinic opened across the street, supported by churches, community members, and local professionals.

Today, that same spirit of generosity fuels Matthew 25. More than 350 volunteers—medical providers, dentists, vision specialists, mental health professionals, interpreters, IT experts, and many others—ensure uninsured, low-income adults receive high-quality care at no cost.

Our services now include more than 25 specialty clinics, providing comprehensive medical, dental, vision, and mental health care. Last fiscal year, we served more than 7,300 patients through over 32,000 visits, and the demand for our services continues to rise.

Through every decade, one thing has remained constant: the heart of our mission. The prayers and dreams of that original prayer group live on in every patient we serve, as we continue to honor our namesake verses.

"I was sick and you looked after me...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

-Matthew 25: 36, 40 (NIV)

For fifty years, Matthew 25 has stood as a testament to what can happen when compassion, community, and a shared commitment to serving others come together. As we celebrate this milestone, we honor our history and look ahead with renewed dedication to caring for those who need us most.



Dear Friends of Matthew 25,

I hope you are staying warm and safe during this stretch of winter weather. As we look ahead to spring, many of us are longing for brighter and sunnier days, and here at Matthew 25, that sense of renewal feels especially meaningful.

This year marks our **50th anniversary**, a milestone that reflects five decades of serving our community and standing as a vital safety net for those who need us most. It is also a year of new beginnings. We are preparing for a truly **groundbreaking** season as we plan for growth that will help us meet the increasing needs of our patients and continue strengthening the care we provide. It is an exciting time, and we cannot wait to share this journey with you.

To mark this milestone year, we're making our annual Night of Caring anniversary event bigger and more joyful than ever! With a stunning new downtown location and an evening designed to celebrate the heart of Matthew 25, this year's celebration promises to be unforgettable. Volunteers, supporters, and community members will gather for a night filled with connection, laughter, storytelling, and purpose. It will be a beautiful reflection of the compassion that has carried us

through fifty years of service. One of the evening's highlights will be the presentation of the **Called to Care Award**, honoring someone whose dedication has shaped the very foundation of Matthew 25. This will be a night of gratitude, celebration, and shared hope for the future.

More exciting details are on the way about this event and the future of Matthew 25 as we prepare to serve our community for the next fifty years and beyond. There is so much to look forward to, and we are grateful to have you with us every step of the way.

God Bless,

Michelle M. Creager, CPA, CEO

COMMUNITY CORNER

As we wrapped up 2025 and prepared for our annual winter shutdown, the team at Brand Innovative Group (BIG) stepped in with generosity, energy, and a whole lot of elbow grease. They dedicated an entire day to helping our staff safely destroy expired medications—an essential process that protects patient safety and significantly reduces the workload on our medication room team.

And they didn't stop there!

BIG also rolled up their sleeves for a deep clean of our offices, leaving our space refreshed, sanitized, and ready for a healthy start to the new year. With cold and flu season in full swing, their timing could not have been better; their efforts ensured that our patients, volunteers, and staff returned to a facility that is safe, sterilized, and welcoming.

Beyond their hands-on volunteer work, BIG continues to be a valued partner behind the scenes. Their collaboration with our administrative team has been instrumental in shaping marketing efforts for our 50th anniversary and upcoming campaigns—helping us share our mission and milestones with the community in meaningful, impactful ways.

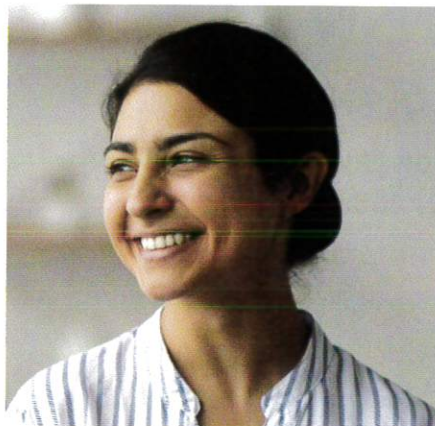
We are deeply grateful for BIG's ongoing partnership and the heart they bring to our work. Here's to many more decades of collaboration and community impact together. Thank you, Brand Innovative Group!



BIG team members volunteering at Matthew 25 by assisting with medication disposal!

HOPE THROUGH HEALING

When Sophia first came to us after surviving a traumatic shooting incident, she was in pain physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Walking was nearly impossible, and the future felt uncertain. From that very first visit, our team promised she wouldn't face any of it alone.



Her healing quickly became a community effort. Here in our clinic, we saw her several times to follow up on her injury and coordinate referrals to wound care, infectious disease, orthopedic surgery, and physical therapy. Through our partnerships with Parkview Health, Steppin' Up Physical Therapy, and other community providers, she received the specialty care, physical therapy, wound care, surgeries, and mobility aids she needed. Each referral, each appointment, and each act of support helped her take another step forward—literally and figuratively.

But recovery wasn't just physical. The trauma left her battling anxiety and depression, and there were days when the weight of it all felt overwhelming. During one especially difficult visit, she broke down in tears. We sat down and prayed together. Moments like that reminded her that healing happens in the body, mind, and spirit.

"In her hardest moment, we sat and prayed together. That simple act helped her keep going."

— Matthew 25 Staff Nurse

This past Thanksgiving, she received one of the turkey dinners donated through our staff and volunteer Suzy Beard Food Drive. The gesture brought her to tears again, this time with gratitude. It reminded her that she was seen, valued, and supported by an entire community.

At her most recent visit, Sophia did not arrive in a wheelchair or with a walker. Smiling, she walked in on her own—lighter, stronger, and more hopeful than we had ever seen her. Her journey from crisis to confidence is a powerful reminder of what compassionate care can make possible. **Matthew 25 provided the steady, day to day support that carried her through the darkest moments, and our community partnerships helped ensure she had everything she needed to heal fully. Together, we changed Sophia's life.**



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Our Mission:

We are inspired by the Gospel to provide free primary healthcare services to uninsured, low-income residents in Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio.

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