



What do you do?

We exist to inform & encourage people in the areas of adoption, foster care & safe families.

How can I get involved?

Currently we minister in 4 specific ways.

1. **Quarterly Information Meetings** : giving people a place to start their search & become educated on the aspects of other areas of care.
2. **Bi-monthly Give & Get Group Meetings** : where people can get to know other adoptive & care giving families to be able give encouragement & get encouragement. This is a place to serve & be served.
3. **Play Group** : Giving parents a chance to hang out with other families while helping to build a strong self-esteem & identity in the kids.
4. **Adoption Fund** : We know the costs of adoption are high & many families decide not to adopt because of the cost. That's why we've partnered with Abba Fund to set up a fund to help offset the costs that are incurred with adopting.

Where do I get an application for an adoption loan?

Applicants will complete The ABBA Fund's application form, available on Parkview's website at www.parkviewchurch.com/lovemoves or The ABBA Fund's website and will submit the application to The ABBA Fund.

What is the application & approval procedure?

The couple mails their application to The ABBA Fund along with a copy of their completed home study report and the other information requested on the application. The ABBA Fund will review applications twice per year after they are received and send a letter to inform the couple of their determination. Each applicant will be expected to provide a recommendation from a staff member/pastor which also confirms their involvement at Parkview. Preference will be given to those who have committed membership to Parkview and have a greater financial need.

What are the requirements?

An approved applicant must be a Christian who is a member at Parkview. They must be called by God to enlarge their family through adoption, who are committed to train & educate their children in accordance with Biblical principles, and who need financial assistance in order to complete the adoption.

Does The ABBA Fund provide loans for singles?

Though we strongly believe that the Biblical model for creating or expanding a family includes both a father and a mother, we welcome singles to apply for financial assistance and they will be reviewed in the same way we consider married couples.

What types of financial assistance does The ABBA Fund provide?

1. **Matching Grants** in the amount of \$1,000-\$3,000 will be given to families approved by The ABBA Fund. A Matching Grant is intended to help the family raise more money on their own than they typically would have if they did not have the grant to match their funds raised.
2. **Interest Free Loans** in the amount of \$3,000-\$5,000 will be given to families approved by The ABBA Fund. Families are asked to sign a covenant agreement to repay the loan through monthly or annual payments. The amount of these payments is specific to each family and is determined based upon the amount of the loan and the amount the family is capable of paying each month. These loans allow our fund to be self-perpetuating as they are repaid and can then be reallocated to new families beginning the adoption process.

Are funds paid directly to the family or directly to the adoption agency?

Agencies must be not for profit. For payments owed to the agency, The ABBA Fund will make payments directly to the agency. For items such as foreign country fees, travel expenses, hotel fees, etc., which will be paid directly by the parents to the service provider, The ABBA Fund will provide funds directly to the couple upon receipt of documentation of the amounts needed.

When/How do I pay the money back?

Payments are set up & agreed upon with The ABBA Fund based on the amount of the loan & how much the family can afford to pay back monthly. Often times, the federal adoption tax credit will afford families to pay back the entire loan after they receive their tax refund.

How can I donate to this fund?

Two Ways:

1. You can go online to www.abbafund.org
Click on the "Donate" tab at the top right of the page.
Make sure to type in "**Love Moves / Parkview Christian Church**" in the Partnership Fund Designation box.
2. Or you can mail a check to:
ABBA Fund
PO Box 14727
Greensboro, NC 27415
All donations are to be made payable to "ABBA Fund."
Please put "**Love Moves / Parkview Christian Church**" in the memo

Are donations to The ABBA Fund tax deductible?

Yes, and contributions may be made by cash or check, or through Electronic Payment on our website. Gifts of stocks, property and other gifts in kind are also accepted. The ABBA Fund is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization, and donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

May I designate my contribution for the benefit of a specific family?

According to the IRS guidelines, in order for the donation to be tax deductible, a donor may not retain control over how a nonprofit organization ultimately uses the donated funds; however, the donor may make a request that his or her funds be used in a particular manner. The organization is permitted to consider the request, while the ultimate authority regarding the disposition of the funds is in the discretion of the organization. The ABBA Fund is grateful for each donation, as each gift enlarges the amount of money available to us, thus making it more likely that each approved family will receive the funds they need.

I haven't adopted or been a foster parent or safe family. How can I help?

We're glad you asked! Offer to babysit for free once a month. Donate items to families. Or donate to The ABBA Fund.

Upcoming Dates

INFO MTG

Saturday, February 18 at 5:45pm in LL4

Saturday, May 12 at 5:45pm in LL4

Sunday, August 12 at 10:45am in LL4

Saturday, November 3 at 5:45pm in LL4

GIVE/GET GROUP

Saturday, Mar 10 at 5:45pm in LL4

Saturday, May 19 at 5:45pm in LL4

Saturday, Sept 8 at 5:45pm in LL4

Saturday, Nov 10 at 5:45pm in LL4

PLAY GROUP

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at rotating homes.

Wednesday, February 8 from 12:00-2:00pm at Connie Carroll's house (708) 878-2158

Wednesday, March 14 from 12:00-2:00pm at Shannon Looper's house (708) 288-8280

Wednesday, April 11 from 12:00-2:00pm

Wednesday, May 9 from 12:00-2:00pm

Who do I contact

If you have any additional questions regarding the Love Moves ministry, please feel free to contact Jason Bentsen

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