THE GRANT WILL BE SUBMITTED BY ABBEY HULL TONIGHT AT 10:00PM to B/Bd

BRIDGESTONES AMERICAS TRUST FUND GRANT 2015

Our organization is: Nashville International Center for Empowerment

National? No Local? Yes

SECTION ONE

Who may we contact about this application?

First Name: Kathy Last Name: Edson

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SECTION TWO

Organization Information:

Organization name: Nashville International Center for Empowerment

Country: United States of America **Street Address:** 417 Welshwood Dr.

Apt./Suite: Suite #100 City: Nashville, TN ZIP Code: 37211

SECTION THREE

We consider contributions to a variety of causes and organizations. Categories we consider regularly are listed below. Please select all that apply to your organization or program.

Education: Youth Development Program

SECTION FOUR

Tell us about your organization.

What are some of the key accomplishments of your organization? (5000 characters)

The Nashville International Center for Empowerment (NICE) was officially founded in 2005 as the Sudanese Community and Women's Services Center, and renamed NICE in 2010. Since its founding, the organization has served over 15,000 people from 72 different nations, predominantly in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. NICE is run by a Sudanese refugee who struggled in his resettlement due to educational limitations that he faced in his home country. The organization establishes "long-term independence" for refugees, specifically through teaching English literacy and securing employment for refugees to cultivate self-sustainable lifestyles for them in Nashville; a federally appointed home for incoming refugees. NICE's