

meeting about funding for nonprofits and a new county initiative, Fairfax Cares. The December alternative gift markets at John Calvin Presbyterian and Ravensworth Baptist give ACCA an opportunity to apply for an Alternative Gifts International grant. At John Calvin Presbyterian's market, donors designated over \$700 in gifts to ACCA.

Meals on Wheels- Volunteers delivered 512 meals in November and 600 meals in December.

Transportation- Volunteer drivers provided 14 rides for 12 people in November and 20 rides for 16 people in December. The transportation ministry takes low income people to medical appointments.

FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 17	Latter Day Saints/Friendship United Methodist
January 24	St. Barnabas Episcopal/Cornerstone Evangelical
January 31	Peace Lutheran/ St. Anthony Catholic
February 7	St. Alban Episcopal/ Annandale United Methodist
February 14	St. Michael Catholic/ Immanuel United Methodist
February 21	Providence Presbyterian/ John Calvin Presbyterian
February 28	Latter Day Saints/ Friendship United Methodist
March 7	Peace Lutheran/ St. Anthony Catholic

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 3

Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church
3901 Gallows Rd., Annandale 22003
7:30 PM Fellowship/7:45 PM Meeting

ACCA's WEBSITE: www.accacares.org

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NEWS

ANNANDALE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR ACTION
7200 COLUMBIA PIKE, ANNANDALE, VA 22003

December -January
2008-2009

ACCA CHALLENGE GRANT CONTINUES THROUGH JANUARY

Support from the community is needed to help ACCA reach its goal of raising \$100,000 in Challenge Grant donations. ACCA is grateful to the Washington Forrest Foundation and anonymous donors for their sponsorship of the Challenge Grant campaign. Funds raised through our Challenge Grant campaign are critical to help us respond to the greatly increased need for assistance in our service area. Funds will help ACCA provide emergency food, rental assistance, utilities and medical care, and will also support quality day care and early education at the Child Development Center. Please send your gift to ACCA at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale VA 22003 by January 31, 2009. Checks should be payable to ACCA, Inc. and should note "Challenge Grant" in the memo line.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

The Child Development Center had an abundant Christmas, including several visits from Santa. People from the community donated new and gently used toys and clothing for the children. We are very grateful for the generous support from schools, civic organizations and churches. ACCA thanks Bill Amery, a realtor with Long and Foster, for organizing a "Share the Warmth" coat drive for ACCA. We appreciate Bill's initiative and the generosity of his co-workers, clients and neighbors, who provided 80 coats for the CDC children. The Center also thanks church members who donated hats, mittens and children's underwear. Enrollment at the Center is slowly increasing to full capacity. However, a turnover in children may continue due to economic conditions, as families leave the area or lose daycare subsidies due to reduced work hours.

ANNANDALE CROP WALK FIGHTS HUNGER AND POVERTY

The Annandale CROP Walk raised \$19,338.44 in contributions for Church World Service as of December 31. Church World Service programs help fight hunger and poverty around the world, respond to disasters and provide refugee assistance. CWS will return one quarter of the funds raised to ACCA to help fight hunger and poverty locally. ACCA thanks the sixteen participating churches and recruiters, as well as the walkers, volunteers and donors for this wonderful support. Sylvia Campbell of Ravensworth Baptist Church, Sally Norris of United Baptist Church and Nancy Boxall of John Calvin Presbyterian Church were the top fund raisers.



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HOST CHURCHES

Warner Baptist Church graciously hosted our meeting in December and presented a check for the Challenge Grant. A large group of ACCA volunteers welcomed us to St. Michael Catholic Church for the January meeting.

REBUILDING TOGETHER

Plans are in progress for the 2009 Rebuilding Together work day on Saturday, April 25, 2009. This will be ACCA's 19th year participating in the program. Rebuilding Together's repairs are an important part of helping to keep the current stock of affordable housing in our area. ACCA has set a goal of repairing two houses. We need to raise funds for the sponsorship from the churches, church groups and individuals. Please contact Marie Monsen (mamonsen@cox.net) to volunteer or donate. For information on home selection, please contact Patti Dennis of RPJ Housing at 703 528-5606.

CONDO ASSOCIATION FOOD DRIVES SUPPORT ACCA PANTRY

ACCA appreciates the efforts of Mrs. Marion Hardy, who has led a food drive for ACCA at Briarwood Court North for 18 years. Mrs. Hardy has asked ACCA to encourage other apartment and condo associations to consider similar projects to help their neighbors.

GWU STUDENTS EVALUATE VOLUNTEER STRATEGIES

George Washington University students Anna Chaluda and Tim Clark reported on their graduate school project to evaluate ACCA's volunteer recruitment. They evaluated our current activities for attracting and keeping volunteers, and offered their findings to help ACCA bring on new volunteers. We appreciate the work of Anna, Tim and their advisor, Dr. Kathy Newcomer.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bailey Community Shelter Seeks Volunteers

Fairfax County and Baileys Crossroads Community Shelter are working with area churches to meet increased shelter needs between December and Mid-March and to prevent hypothermia. Up to 45 guests each night will eat dinner at the Baileys Shelter, and then be transported to host churches. The Shelter is seeking groups to prepare dinners, bag lunches and breakfasts as well as evening and morning volunteers. Please contact Thornell Hancock or Sylvia Loveless at the Baileys Shelter, at 703 820-7621. The Shelter is also collecting warm clothing, shoes, and new socks and underwear for adults. Please bring donations to the shelter at 3525 Moncure Ave, Bailey's Crossroads.

Volunteers Needed to Help Low Income Families Prepare and File Taxes

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, known as the CASH campaign, relies on volunteers to give free tax preparation services at no cost to families and individuals who earned less than \$42,000 in 2008. Free training is provided to volunteers by IRS. This is an opportunity to give real help to people in our community. In many cases, the filers are eligible for a tax refund. To volunteer or for more information, please contact James Do at 571-749-7838 or by email at james.do@fairfaxcounty.gov.

PLEASE CONSIDER ACCA IN YOUR WORKPLACE GIVING

Designations to ACCA through workplace giving campaigns are an important source of ACCA funding. ACCA's Combined Federal Campaign code is #58934; United Way code is # 8058; and the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign code is # 8233.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Family Emergency- In November, ACCA gave 34 households a total of \$13,144 in assistance, and in December, ACCA gave 62 households a total of \$29,184 toward rents, utilities, medicine and other urgent needs. ACCA's emergency grants help households in crisis due to illness or job loss of the breadwinner avoid eviction or move into housing.

Food Pantry- The pantry needs rice and dried beans, canned pasta meals, crackers, meats and other nonperishable foods. The committee thanks the students of Corpus Christi School, Queen of Apostles School, and Annandale United Methodist Church Bible School, as well as Briarwood North and Calvary Church for their special food collections. We also thank volunteers of the Boy Scout food drive. Special thanks go to Tiffany Duong, a Girl Scout who organized a food drive that collected over 75 bags of food. In November, Food Pantry volunteers delivered groceries to 56 households, and also delivered 30 Thanksgiving baskets. In December, volunteers made 71 grocery deliveries and provided 70 Christmas baskets.

Fred Ruffing Scholarship- The 2008 Fred Ruffing Scholarship recipient, Julie Shakaya, attended the January ACCA meeting and told the Board how grateful she is for the assistance. Julie is enjoying her studies at New York University and is making time to volunteer as a tutor in a New York program for youth.

Furniture- In November, the Furniture Ministry completed 38 deliveries and 38 pickups. In December, 34 made deliveries and collected donations from 20 donor households. Furniture volunteers also made weekly pickups of used mattresses from Mattress Land. The furniture warehouse especially needs donations of mattresses/box springs, dressers, sofas and dining tables/chairs.

Grants- The committee has submitted requests for several grants, including the Devotion to Children Foundation and United Way. Committee members attended a