

# FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 28	Providence Presbyterian/John Calvin Presbyterian
April 4	St. Barnabas Episcopal/Cornerstone Evangelical
April 11	CLOSED FOR EASTER
April 18	Latter Day Saints/Friendship United Methodist
April 25	Peace Lutheran/St. Anthony Catholic
May 2	St. Alban Episcopal/Annandale United Methodist
May 9	Providence Presbyterian/John Calvin Presbyterian



## CHALLENGE GRANT CAMPAIGN IS SUCCESSFUL

**W**e are pleased that the challenge grant campaign raised much-needed funds for ACCA. The challenge grant campaign raised a total of \$118,856. The total includes the challenge grant of \$17,500 from the Washington Forrest Foundation, \$7,500 in challenge grants from two anonymous donors, and \$93,856 in donations in response to the campaign from twelve churches and church organizations, 376 individuals, and five corporate donors. The ACCA Board is grateful to the Washington Forrest Foundation and appreciates the support of all our donors. The funds raised will make it possible for ACCA to continue assisting households in the Annandale-Baileys Crossroads area with emergency funds for rent, food, services to children at the Child Development Center and other services.

## REBUILDING TOGETHER WORKDAY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 25

**R**ebuilding Together has assigned ACCA two houses for the home repair project April 25. St. Barnabas Episcopal, Annandale United Methodist, Peace Lutheran, John Calvin Presbyterian, and Ravensworth Baptist churches will participate in the workday. Ameriprise Financial Services in Vienna, VA is also expected to partner with ACCA. Individual volunteers from other churches are welcome. To volunteer, please contact your church representative to ACCA or email Marie at [mamonsen@cox.net](mailto:mamonsen@cox.net).

## ACCA PLANS 2009 SPRING FOOD DRIVE

**T**o help the food pantry better respond to strong demand for food in our community, ACCA is sponsoring a "Thanksgiving in April" food drive. Schools, churches, and community groups are invited to participate. Items needed include: tuna, beans, rice, canned fruits and vegetables, canned or bottled juices, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, sugar, flour, breakfast cereals paper products, and soaps. For information or to arrange for food delivery to the pantry, please contact Nancy at [chez.kennedy@verizon.net](mailto:chez.kennedy@verizon.net).

### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday April 7

Culmore United Methodist Church

5901 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church 22041

7:30 Fellowship/7:45 Meeting

**ACCA's WEBSITE:** [www.accacares.org](http://www.accacares.org)

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Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign Code #8233



## **ACCA CHURCHES HOST HOMELESS**

Several churches were able to serve as sites for the Fairfax County-Baileys Crossroads hypothermia prevention project that provided additional housing for homeless men on cold winter nights. We thank Lincolnia United Methodist Church, Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Cumore United Methodist Church and St. Alban's Episcopal for showing hospitality to homeless guests. Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lincolnia United Methodist Church, Peace Lutheran Church, Queen of Apostles, St. Alban's Episcopal, Providence Presbyterian Church and Cornerstone Church, Norman Hicks & friends, and others provided dinners. The program will continue through March.

## **CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER REPORT**

The Child Development Center is pleased to have dancer Amanda Layten participating as Wolf Trap's artist resident. Ms Layton presented a performance for the children. High turnover at the Center continues. This is in part due to the economy, as some parents become ineligible for county subsidy help when they lose their jobs or have their work hours cut below the minimum required. Two preschool classrooms are participating in the Governor's Virginia Preschool Initiative that helps enhance preschool education.

## **REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES**

**Family Emergency** – In January, 76 households received help toward rent, utilities and medical expenses, with grants totaling \$29,181. In February, 50 households were helped, with expenses of \$17,683. Many of the families assisted have young children and most households ACCA helps are struggling due because household members have lost jobs or are caring for a member with a serious illness.

**Food Pantry** - Pantry Referrals for food continue to be high. The pantry assisted 70 families in December, 93 families in January, and 101 families in February. Giving to the pantry has been at a record high in response to concerns about the needs in the community, but need for nonperishable food and paper goods continue. Among donations were 88 bags of food collected by the St. Barnabas youth group at the Bradlick Giant. The collection was an activity during the group's 30-hour Famine, which helped the youth learn more about hunger and raise funds for World Vision.

**Furniture** – In January, volunteer crews completed deliveries to 43 households and collected furniture from 31 donor households. Most of the January deliveries were during extremely cold weather conditions. In February, the warehouse made deliveries to 35 households and collected donations from 32 households. The warehouse ministry picked up donated mattresses weekly from Mattress Land. Furniture ministry volunteers also gathered outerwear garments (coats, hats, gloves) from five churches and delivered these items to day laborers along Little River Turnpike on January 29.

**Grants** – ACCA thanks Mary Lee DiSpirito and MaryAnne Lecos for their work on the Challenge Grant Campaign. We also thank our assistant treasurer Nancy Walker and our treasurer Homer Christensen for their extra work in recording and reporting the challenge grant donations. The grants committee is leading the ACCA Board in updating ACCA's strategic plan. Having a current strategic plan is necessary for many grant applications.

**Meals on Wheels-** In January, meals on wheels volunteers made a total of 449 deliveries (898 meals) on 19 days, and in February, volunteers completed 473 deliveries (946 meals) over 19 days.

**Transportation** – In January, volunteer drivers provided 20 rides for 15 clients, and in February, 16 rides were given to 12 people.

