

FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 22	Annandale Latter Day Saints/Friendship United Methodist
November 29	CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
December 6	Peace Lutheran/St. Anthony Catholic
December 13	St. Alban Episcopal/Annandale United Methodist
December 20	St. Michael/ Immanuel United Methodist
December 27	CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS
January 3, 2009	CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR Holiday
January 10	John Calvin Presbyterian/ Providence Presbyterian

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 2
Warner Baptist Church
3613 Lacy Boulevard, Falls Church VA 22041
7:30 PM Fellowship/7:45 PM Meeting

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NEWS

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

October-November
2008

ACCA RECEIVES WASHINGTON FORREST CHALLENGE GRANT

ACCA will need to raise more funds than ever through our annual Challenge Grant campaign to be able to respond to the greatly increased need for assistance because of dire economic conditions. For a seventh year, ACCA has received a grant from the Washington Forrest Foundation because of the efficient and effective way our volunteers have met critical needs in our community. ACCA also has received grants from anonymous donors, bringing our total Challenge Grant to \$25,000. Our goal this year is to raise an additional \$100,000 in challenge grant donations. Funds raised will help ACCA respond to families in crisis who need help with food, shelter, utilities, furniture, prescriptions, and medical or dental care, and will also help operate our Child Development Center for children from low-income families. Please send your gift to ACCA, Inc. at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale VA 22003 by January 31, 2009—noting “Challenge Grant” in the memo line on your check.

ANNANDALE CROP WALK A SUCCESS

ACCA thanks all the participating churches, recruiters, walkers, volunteers and donors to our CROP Walk. Nearly 100 walkers and volunteers participated in the October 18 walk. We thank Fairfax County Board Chairman Gerry Connolly, Vice Chair Sharon Bulova, and ACCA president Norman Hicks for participating in our opening ceremony. Walk coordinator Camille Mittelholtz relayed greetings from Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross, who was unable to join us. Rev. Bob Turner of Ravensworth Baptist told us about Bread for the World's advocacy work. Church World Service Regional Director Ted Farrar greeted walkers at the mid-point. The Annandale Walk is one of 66 fall CROP Walks held in the Mid-Atlantic Region. The Walk raises funds for Church World Service programs to help fight hunger and poverty around the world, respond to disasters and provide refugee assistance. One quarter of the funds raised will be returned to ACCA to fight hunger and poverty locally. Congratulations to CROP Walk Poster Contest winners Allan Howe, first place for grades 1-3, and Marlene Howe, first place for grades 4-6. Allan and Marlene are both members of the Annandale Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.



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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.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

The Child Development Center invites gifts of hats, mittens and children's underwear in sizes 2-6 for the children. The Center is facing financial challenges because it did not receive grants from sources which have given support in earlier years, including United Way, the Winkler Foundation and Freddie Mac. The CDC and ACCA's Grants Committee are looking for other sources of funding. The Center continues to have a large number of children with special needs. Some of the children receive special services from the County schools, and others work with Center's staff specialists.

HOST CHURCHES

The ACCA board thanks Peace Lutheran Church and Providence Presbyterian Church for hosting the October and November ACCA meetings, respectively.

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, which is an important part of helping to keep the current stock of affordable housing. ACCA has set a goal of repairing two houses, and 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. We are looking for houses in our community to repair. For information on home selection, please contact Patti Dennis at 703 528-5606.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Family Emergency- In September, ACCA gave 56 households a total of \$26,605 in assistance toward rents, utilities, medicine and other urgent needs. In October, ACCA helped 45 families, giving a total of \$20,007 toward rent and other emergency needs. These funds helped a number of people avoid eviction or move into housing. ACCA distributed \$2340 in FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds in these months.

Food Pantry- Volunteers delivered groceries to 53 households in September and 54 households in October. The pantry needs rice, beans, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly and other nonperishable foods. The committee thanks the Annandale Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for a large donation of food and thanks the volunteers of the Boy Scout food drive for their work to gather donations in early November.

Furniture- The Furniture Ministry operated three weekends in September, and completed 32 deliveries and 30 pickups. The warehouse was not able to open on September 6 due to Hurricane Ike. Furniture volunteers made deliveries to 29 households and collected from 27 donors in October. The warehouse was closed October 25 to avoid conflict with the Annandale parade. ACCA is grateful to Mattress Land for its donation of a number of used mattresses.

Grants- The committee has submitted requests for several grants, including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Northern Virginia Community Foundation. ACCA will be able to apply for an Alternative Gifts International grant.

Meals on Wheels- Volunteers delivered 557 meals in September and 644 in October. Transportation- Volunteer drivers provided 25 rides for 20 people in September and 15 rides for 11 peoples in October. The transportation ministry takes low income people to medical appointments.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ACCA's Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service will be Tuesday, November 25, 7:30 p.m., at Lincolnia United Methodist Church, 6335 Little River Turnpike Pike, Alexandria. Donations will benefit ACCA.

- Hope Lutheran Church is hosting a joint Thanksgiving Service Wednesday, November 26 at 7:30 pm with other Ravensworth Road area churches. The address is 4604 Ravensworth Road.

- The Baileys Crossroads Community Shelter will coordinate a hypothermia prevention program between December and Mid-March. Guests will eat dinner at the Baileys Shelter, and then be transported to host churches. The Shelter is seeking evening and morning volunteers and groups to prepare dinners, bag lunches and breakfasts. To help, please contact Thornell Hancock at the Baileys Shelter, at 703 820-7621.

- The Interfaith Communities for Dialogue sponsored a dialogue on "Creation, Then and Now, Exploring the Creation Accounts of the Three Abrahamic Faiths and Their Contemporary Relevance" on November 12.

- John Calvin Presbyterian Church will host an Alternative Gift Market December 13, 10am to 2 pm and December 14, 11 am to 1 pm. The market provides an opportunity for alternative gift donations to more than thirty charity organizations, including ACCA.