

## FURNITURE WAREHOUSE SCHEDULE FOR MAY

- May 1 St. Barnabas Episcopal, Friendship United Methodist,  
National Evangelical Free Church
- May 8 St. Michael, Latter Day Saints
- May 15 Rotary Club, Immanuel United Methodist
- May 22 Providence Presbyterian, Lincolnia United Methodist
- May 29 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

**ACCA's Website: <http://www.accacares.org>**

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703/222-0880 for English and 703/631-3366 for Spanish.**

### The Next Meeting

**Tuesday, May 4**

**St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church**

**4801 Ravensworth Road, Annandale**

**7:30 p.m. refreshments**

**7:45 p.m. meeting**



# NEWS

ANNANDALE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR ACTION  
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## EXCELLENT AND LOVING EDUCATION

**T**he April Board meeting was hosted by the ACCA Child Development Center. We were welcomed by Director Judy Falkenrath and CDC Board Chair Nancy Harman. Judy gave tours of the Preschool and Infant and Toddler facilities. The Center provides excellent education and loving care at the center for children 3 months to 5 years of age in working families with financial needs. Judy reported that enrollment at the Center has increased, and that there are waiting lists for almost every age group.

Judy also spoke of her concern about the Virginia budget uncertainties, noting that state funding for childcare for children from low-income families is critical to the ACCA CDC and similar centers in Fairfax County, as well as the families they serve. Decisions made at the Federal and state level about funding also affect Fairfax County's budget. Judy urged concerned citizens to contact their elected officials to support funding to help the working poor.

## STAMP OUT HUNGER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**T**he Annandale Post Office will give the food collected during its food drive on Saturday, May 8 to the ACCA Food Pantry. ACCA needs volunteers to help move the collected food from the post office to the Food Pantry. Volunteers will meet at the Food Pantry, 7200 Columbia Pike. at 3 p.m. on May 8. If you have a large vehicle that can be used to haul the food, please bring it. If you can help, please contact Jean Rackowski at 703-914-8066.

Donations of non-perishable food and paper products to ACCA's Food Pantry are always needed. Pantry operations have been going well. In addition to the food deliveries in our community in March, ACCA was able to share food with six other local food pantries that had critical shortages.



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## **NEWS FROM ACCA COMMITTEES**

### **HOUSING**

Organization efforts continue for the Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April home repair workday planned for April 24. ACCA is sponsoring six houses.

### **FURNITURE AND HOUSEWARES MINISTRY**

The Furniture Committee completed 65 pickups and deliveries in March. During calendar year 2003, ACCA delivered a 2,400 items of furniture, but clients are on the waiting list. Beds continue to be the greatest furniture need. Dressers, tables and chairs, and sofas are also in strong demand (no sleep sofas, please). To donate furniture, please call Mrs. Edwards at 703 941-3061.

Betsey Pankey reported that a highlight of the March activity of the Housewares Ministry was assisting three people as they resettled from Baileys Crossroads Community Shelter to long-term housing. The Housewares Ministry provided basic kitchen and household items for these people and 17 other families. To donate household items, please call Betsy Pankey at Glen Carlyn Road Baptist Church at 703 820-6919.

### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

During the month of March 2004 a total of 854 meals were delivered on 23 weekdays. An average of 37 clients was served each day.

### **FRED RUFFING SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship committee will be working with guidance counselors to find candidates who will be graduating from high school this year for the 2004 Fred Ruffing Scholarship. The scholarship provides support to college students with a disability or other special challenge, in honor of ACCA's founder Fred Ruffing.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Through ACCA's Transportation Committee, volunteer drivers provided 33 rides to medical or legal appointments in March.

### **FAMILY EMERGENCY**

Assistance totaling \$11,674 was provided for rent, medical and utility assistance during March.

## **NEWS OF ACCA ACTIVITIES**

### **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

ACCA members began a process in 2001 to evaluate our programs and establish goals, strategies and plans for to be carried out in 2002 and beyond. The strategic plan must be updated periodically so that we can identify areas where we can take action to be more effective. ACCA members have begun to update ACCA's plan, under the guidance of Mary Anne Lecos. Committee leads and official representatives of each church have been asked to fill out a survey. If you would like information on the strategic plan update, please contact the official representative from your church.

### **ACCA BYLAWS AND ENDOWMENT**

In 2003, ACCA approved the concept of establishing an endowment fund. After ACCA Board approval of the updated ACCA bylaws in January 2004, members of the ad hoc bylaws committee have been working with Arnold and Porter attorneys on a proposed endowment mechanism to be considered by the ACCA Board.

### **CROP WALK**

The 2004 CROP Walk will be held on October 16 to benefit Church World Service and ACCA's Food Pantry. At a recent regional meeting for CROP Walk coordinators, Church World Service representatives presented information about refugee needs. There are nearly 15 million refugees and 25 million people displaced within their own countries due to war, persecution, natural disaster and famine. Uprooted people can be integrated into the country where they sought asylum, return to their former homes, or resettle to a third country. Less than 1% of the world's refugees are resettled in a third country. Churches and non-government organizations help uprooted people through material support, resettlement assistance, and advocacy. For more information, please see [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org).