



## FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 28	Providence Presbyterian
May 5	St. Alban's Episcopal
May 12	St. Michael's Catholic
May 19	St. Barnabas' Episcopal/Cornerstone Evangelical
May 26	CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
June 2	Latter Day Saints/Friendship United Methodist
June 9	Peace Lutheran/John Calvin Presbyterian
June 16	Ravensworth Baptist/Annandale United Methodist
June 23	Providence Presbyterian



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

### Next Meetings

Tuesday, May 1

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Church and Payne Streets, Falls Church (Culmore)

Tuesday, June 5

Lincolnia United Methodist Church

6335 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER GIVES QUALITY CARE AND EDUCATION

The ACCA Child Development Center was the site of our April Board meeting. The CDC serves children three months through five years old from families whose working parents have financial needs. Each room is filled with activity areas that give a glimpse of the wonderful program at the infant-toddler and preschool centers.

Dr. Judith Falkenrath, Center Director, introduced several of the CDC board members, teachers and specialists. Diane Grinage of Fairfax County Public Schools explained how the CDC and the County's Child Find program work together to identify children who have special development needs. Addressing those needs early can do a great deal to help the children succeed in later school years.

As another example of the excellent programs at the centers, Dr. Falkenrath showed excerpts from a film about the award-winning partnership among Wolfrap Performing Arts Center, Fairfax County, and the CDC to enhance learning through the arts.

Fairfax Futures has selected Betsy Powers, a teacher at the CDC, for the 2007 School Readiness Educator Award. The award recognizes exemplary individuals who create connections and inspire others to help young children make a successful transition to kindergarten. We congratulate Betsy on this recognition for her fine work. Fairfax Futures promotes action to prepare our county's youngest children to succeed.

### MARCH HOST CHURCH

Interim Pastor Mary Boyd Click welcomed the ACCA Board to John Calvin Presbyterian Church. Margie White, Marie Monsen, and John Sloan also welcomed us to their church. John Calvin Presbyterian Church was one of the founding ACCA churches, and the church was the first location of the ACCA Day Care Center.



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## **DONATIONS INVITED**

The winter months have stretched ACCA's resources. As rent, utility and gasoline prices have skyrocketed, low-income families have struggled, and even more people than usual need ACCA's help. Because of ACCA's recent increased needs, please consider making a contribution individually or through your church, civic organization, or business. One hundred percent of your donation goes to help your neighbors in need. Tax deductible checks to ACCA can be sent to ACCA, 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

## **CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP.**

The Reverend Sandi John of Inova's Congregational Health Partnership spoke at our March meeting. The Partnership works with multi-faith communities like ACCA to promote illness prevention and better public understanding of health matters. The partnership would be pleased to work with individual congregations. For more information, contact Rev. John at 703 208-3628.

## **REBUILDING TOGETHER.**

ACCA volunteers will be repairing three houses on our April 28 workday. The program promotes affordable housing by helping elderly and disabled homeowners or nonprofit organizations with repairs and upkeep. At the May 1 meeting, ACCA will celebrate our 17 years of working through Rebuilding Together/ Christmas in April to repair 100 houses in our community. For more information, please contact Marie Monsen at mamonsen@cox.net.

## **PASTORS' LUNCHEON**

The pastor's luncheon will be May 17 at Annandale United Methodist Church, at noon. Pastors, associate pastors and administrative staff are invited. The program will focus on how to access ACCA and other community services. We thank Harris Teeter for sponsoring the luncheon and Annandale United Methodist Church for hosting the luncheon. For more information, contact Mary Lee at ddmd@erols.com.

## **REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES**

**Family Emergency-** ACCA assisted 44 households in February, including 30 families who received assistance for rent. Assistance totaled \$17,083. In the month of March, assistance needs were particularly high, with total assistance of

\$29,409. Fifty-six households were helped with rent, utilities, medicine and other needs. ACCA gave rental assistance to a couple who were burned out of their apartment, a grandmother caring for two grandchildren, and three families moving from a shelter. A family with four children, two of whom are disabled, received help with their utility bill.

**Food pantry-** In February, pantry volunteers made 37 deliveries helping 128 people. The pantry made 49 deliveries serving 153 people for the month of March. The food pantry needs donations of rice, dried beans, cereal, canned foods and paper goods.

**Furniture-** The ACCA Furniture team completed a total of 97 furniture pick-ups and deliveries during the months of February and March. Nine churches provided a total of 75 volunteers to accomplish the work. Icy conditions closed the warehouse on two Saturdays. The furniture warehouse is in great need of beds, dressers, tables and chairs, sofas, and cribs. St. Michaels' Catholic and Providence Presbyterian churches worked together to purchase and give hooded sweatshirts, jackets, gloves and hats to day laborers in Annandale and Culmore. The furniture truck was used to make the deliveries.

**Grants-** The Grants Committee completed applications to United Way Fairfax-Falls Church for basic family needs; and early childhood education.

**Meals on Wheels-** Annandale weekday meals on wheels volunteers delivered a total of 448 meals in February. The weather prevented delivery five days. In March, a total of 598 meals were delivered.

**Transportation-** Volunteer drivers provided 39 rides to medical appointments for 30 people from February 5 to March 2, and provided 31 rides for 24 people between March 5 and March 30.

**CROP Walk-** Additional donations were received, bringing the 2006 CROP Walk total to \$16,143. The CROP Walk raises funds for Church World Service's development projects and hunger, refugee and disaster relief efforts.