



*We wish everyone in the ACCA community  
a blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year!*

## FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 23	St. Alban Episcopal/Warner Baptist
December 25	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
January 1	NEW YEAR HOLIDAY
January 8	St. Alban's Episcopal/ Warner Baptist
January 15	Peace Lutheran/ John Calvin Presbyterian/ Mt. Pleasant Baptist
January 22	Ravensworth Baptist/ Annandale United Methodist
January 29	St. Barnabas Episcopal/ Friendship Methodist/ National Evangelical Free

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

### Next Meeting

**Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**7610 Newcastle Drive, Annandale**

**Fellowship and Refreshments 7:30 pm, Meeting 7:45 pm**

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arner Baptist hosted the ACCA Board's December meeting, in keeping with ACCA's tradition. Juanita White opened the meeting by leading us in singing Silent Night, and Burton White gave a devotional message giving thanks for the ACCA family. Warner members Margaret Davis, Sarah McCotter, and Elizabeth Sommer were also at the meeting to welcome us to their newly renovated fellowship hall.

## HOLIDAYS AT THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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he Child Development Center revived an old tradition by holding a Thanksgiving feast. Tables lined the second floor hallway as one hundred pilgrims and Indians and their teachers re-enacted the first Thanksgiving. They supplemented the regular lunches with dishes the children prepared in their classrooms. We were able to provide Thanksgiving dinners for 55 of our families through the Holiday Baskets program. The Book Fair at the center was a success, thanks to the planning of ACCA teachers Betsy and Jackie. ACCA thanks the volunteers, who not only sold books, but bought them! The center will receive \$1000 worth of books for the library and classrooms.

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hristmas preparations are under way. *Operation Santa Claus* is December 15, when the Northern Virginia Community Foundation and several corporations visit with toys, books, and clothing for the children. Santa Claus visits each child in every classroom. The children sing carols, eat cookies, ask lots of questions, and have a lot of fun. We are grateful to the churches and groups that help the center at Christmastime by adopting a classroom, or donating gifts of hats, mittens, underwear, socks, matchbox cars and toys.



## CHALLENGE GRANT

**W**e are pleased with the response to the Challenge Grant from the Washington Forrest Foundation to date. ACCA's campaign to meet its goal continues through the third week in January 2005. Donations may be made payable to ACCA, designated Challenge Grant, and sent to ACCA at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale VA 22003.

## NEW OFFICERS

**T**he ACCA Board elected officers for 2005. We are grateful to these people who have agreed to serve or continue serving as ACCA officers. Our new officers are Chuck Woods, President; Bill Jason, Vice President; Nancy Hall, Recording Secretary; Hank Schlenker, Treasurer; and Sue Meekins, Corresponding Secretary. Those present thanked our outgoing officers – Harold Ottoson (President), Ann Marie Hicks (Vice President) and Betsy Pankey (Recording Secretary)—for their service to ACCA and their leadership.

## HOLIDAY BASKETS

**A**CCA's holiday baskets program was successful at Thanksgiving. We served a total of 235 households, including 55 families at the Child Development Center and 25 baskets assembled and delivered by the ACCA Pantry. We thank Harold and Mona Ottoson, Claire Greinke, and Jean Rackowski for their leadership organizing ACCA's efforts. We are grateful to everyone who sponsored, sent a donation for the Holiday Baskets program, or helped with delivery of the food for both Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We especially appreciate help from groups and churches beyond ACCA's service area and companies like Lockheed Corporation, which donated 30 turkeys and Thanksgiving food. In addition to the holiday baskets effort, the weekend Meals on Wheels program delivered Thanksgiving meals to 29 individuals.

## REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

**Family Emergency** – Assistance from the Family Emergency fund totaled \$7,340 in November, assisting a total of 21 households with rent and utilities. The committee received a note of thanks from Olde Salem Village for the help we provide their tenants.

**Food Pantry** – The Food pantry made 42 deliveries to 117 people in November, in addition to delivery of holiday baskets. The Lion's Club donated 35 cases of fresh fruit, which we shared with the Baileys Shelter, Christ House, Baileys Elementary and the Child Development Center.

**Furniture Ministry**– The furniture program operated for three weeks in November, completing 22 pickups and 29 deliveries, with an average crew of 10. The furniture ministry received a large shipment of cotton tee shirts from the Race for the Cure, which ACCA is distributing to nonprofit organizations that can pass them on to people who need them. Donations of beds, dressers, tables and chairs, and sofas (no sleep sofas, please) are always appreciated.

**House ware Ministry**- The House ware Ministry served 12 families in November. Betsy Pankey reported that several volunteers are now helping with the ministry, and other volunteers are welcome. To make the House ware Ministry more effective, we will now focus on basic kitchen items—dishes, glasses, utensils, cooking pots and casserole dishes.

**Meals on Wheels**- The Weekday Meals on Wheels program delivered 762 meals in November, an average of 40 meals a day.

**Transportation**- Transportation volunteers provided 46 rides in November to people needing assistance getting to medical appointments.

**CROP Walk**- Nearly \$12,000 has been collected to date, and most churches have sent in their donations. The support for the Annandale walk will do much to help respond to hunger, refugee needs and disasters around the world and in the U.S.

