



FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 22 -29	Closed for Christmas and New Year's Holiday
January 5, 2008	Ravensworth Baptist/Annandale United Methodist
January 12	Providence Presbyterian/ John Calvin Presbyterian
January 19	St. Alban's Episcopal/ Queen of Apostles Catholic
January 26	St. Michael Catholic/Immanuel United Methodist
February 2	Latter Day Saints/Friendship Methodist
February 9	St. Barnabas Episcopal/Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church
February 16	Peace Lutheran/ St. Anthony

Your newsletter editor Camille Mittelholtz and ACCA officers wish all our readers and supporters a Merry Christmas and a blessed new year.

Next Meeting

**Tuesday January 8
United Baptist Church
7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale 22003
7:30 Fellowship/7:45 Meeting**

ACCA's Website: www.accacares.org

CHALLENGE GRANT CONTINUES THROUGH JANUARY

The Walter L. Phillips, Inc. company of Falls Church, has chosen ACCA to receive its holiday donation this year. The company will be adding \$6000.00 to the Challenge Grant. In its holiday greetings, the company will include information about ACCA's Challenge Grant. ACCA is deeply grateful for this generous donation and what it will do to help ACCA meet its goal to raise \$4 for each \$1 of the \$25,000 Challenge Grant.

The Challenge Grant closes on January 31, 2008. The response to this Challenge Grant will be an important factor in decisions about funding ACCA will have to make for the second half of the Fiscal Year. Because of the very high number of requests for assistance have been received in the last four months, ACCA services may have to be reduced if we do not meet our financial goals.

Please help ACCA to meet the Challenge and also help ACCA continue to meet the many requests for assistance that come each week. Please make checks payable to ACCA, designate "Challenge Grant" and send them to ACCA, Inc., 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

HOST CHURCH

The ACCA Board was warmly welcomed to Warner Baptist Church by Pastor Pearson, Juanita and Burton White, Official Representative Sara McCotter, and other church members. It's an ACCA tradition to meet in December at Warner Baptist and to sing Christmas Carols to open the meeting.

ACCA OFFICERS FOR 2008

The Board elected officers at the December meeting-- President, Norman Hicks; Vice President, Nancy Hall; Treasurer, Homer Christiansen; Recording Secretary, Carol Weber; Corresponding Secretary, Sue Meekins; Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Stella Godbolt; and Nancy Walker, Assistant Treasurer.

The ACCA Board thanks all the 2007 officers for their service. We thank outgoing recording secretary Pat Donahue, treasurer Hank Schlenker and assistant treasurer Gayle Schlenker for their work and are grateful to those who are continuing to serve as officers.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

Plans are under way for an exciting holiday season for the children. Churches, companies and groups have adopted classrooms so that each child will have books, clothes, and toys to take home. Others are planning to donate hats, mittens, and underwear. The Child Development Center is grateful to all the donors who will help make Christmas special for the children.

REBUILDING TOGETHER PLANNED FOR APRIL 26

The Rebuilding Together staff is busy planning for the 2008 work day on April 26. The 2008 work day will mark the 18th year ACCA is participating in the program. The Rebuilding Together program is an important way to help maintain the current stock of affordable housing. We hope to sponsor three houses and broaden church and volunteer involvement. It costs \$2500 to sponsor each house, and we must raise funds from churches and individuals to reach this goal. Sponsorship commitments from churches are requested by January 1. If you would like to work on a house or serve as a house captain, please contact your church ACCA representative or Marie at mamonsen@cox.net by January 31. We are also looking for houses to repair. For more information on home selection, please contact Patti Dennis at RPJ housing, telephone 703 528-5606, ext. 16.

CROP WALK COLLECTIONS HELP FIGHT HUNGER

Donations raised by the 2007 Annandale CROP Walk totaled over \$14,000 in early December, with a final total expected to be over \$15,000. The walk raises funds for Church World Service programs in more than 80 countries for hunger and disaster relief, refugee assistance and self-help projects.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Family Emergency- In November, ACCA assisted 49 households with rent, utilities, medical and other help, with expenditures totaling \$25,653. Of these, 33 households received rental assistance. ACCA helped families avoid eviction and move from shelters. Requests for Family Emergency assistance expenses have continued at a higher rate than last year each month this fiscal year, and ACCA will need to increase donations received or adopt measures that will reduce our Family Emergency spending.

Food Pantry- In the month of November volunteers made 49 deliveries assisting 161 people. Thanks to efforts of many groups, the pantry is well stocked. The Boy Scout Drive collected 9800 pounds of food. The children of Annandale United Methodist Church collected over 120 bags and Braddock Elementary School also collected 120 bags, and Briarwood Court North and the Parliament Apartments and condos held food drives. We thank everyone who donated and collected food. We expect requests for food to continue to be high in the winter months.

Furniture –Furniture volunteers completed a total of 55 actions during the month of November, in which we only operated three weeks because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Our current special needs continue to be mattresses and box springs for double, queen size and single beds, and chests of drawers/dressers.

Grants- The Grant Committee has submitted proposals to Fairfax County for support from the Consolidated Community Funding Pool in FY 2009-10. The proposal included requests for funds for family emergency, nutrition and hygiene, and furniture ministry support.

Meals on Wheels – In November, volunteers delivered 436 meals on 19 days, an average of 23 meals a day.

Transportation – Volunteer drivers provided 30 rides for 26 people in November. ACCA's Transportation ministry was featured in a December 8 Washington Post article about the need for ride services for seniors.

