

Tax Preparation - You can make a difference by helping people file taxes and, often, obtain tax credits and refunds. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program provides free tax preparation for households who earned less than \$49,000 in 2009. Volunteers work a few hours a week during tax season. The IRS provides free tax training to volunteers. For information, contact James Do at 571-749-7838, TTY 703-533-5316 or James.do@fairfaxcounty.gov, or see <http://nvacash.org/vita/?pagename=Volunteers>. The City of Falls Church is also offering free tax preparation for eligible taxpayers in the City. This service is by appointment only, January 25, 2010 through April 13, 2010, weekdays Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Call 703 248-5005 (TTY 711).

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE SCHEDULE

January 23	Latter Day Saints/ Friendship United Methodist
January 30	St. Barnabas Episcopal/ Cornerstone Evangelical
February 6	Peace Lutheran/ St. Anthony Catholic
February 13	St. Alban Episcopal/ Annandale United Methodist
February 20	St. Michael Catholic/ Immanuel United Methodist
February 27	Providence Presbyterian/ John Calvin Presbyterian
March 3	Latter Day Saints/ Friendship United Methodist
March 13	Peace Lutheran/ St. Anthony Catholic

NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, February 2, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
4801 Ravensworth Road, Annandale VA 22003
7:00 pm Reception honoring Judith Falkenrath,
followed by board meeting**

ACCA's Website: www.accacares.org

**Combined Federal Campaign agency code: #58934
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**For assistance referrals, please call
Fairfax County Human Services at 703 222-0880**



NEWS

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

December 2009
January 2010

ACCA RATED AS "ONE OF THE BEST NON-PROFITS IN THE DC AREA."

The Annandale Christian Community for Action is included in the 2009-2010 Catalogue for Philanthropy. The Catalogue's website at www.catalogueforphilanthropy-dc.org outlines how they identify the small non-profits that are most effective and trustworthy and summarizes how ACCA meets needs in our community. The CFP website also enables donations online and in other creative ways. Under ACCA's Challenge Grant Campaign, donations to ACCA through January 31 will be matched by the Washington Forrest Foundation (up to \$17,500) and anonymous donors (up to \$7,500). The needs of our vulnerable neighbors for assistance with rent, utilities, medicine and food are at record levels. Please consider a donation to ACCA during these trying times. Checks payable to ACCA may be sent to ACCA at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale VA 22003, or online donations may be made through the CFP website.

ACCA BOARD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS.

Officers for 2010 were elected at the December meeting. Our new president is Mary Anne Lecos and vice president is Dave Donahue. ACCA thanks Norman Hicks and Nancy Hall for their leadership as president and vice president, respectively, in 2009 and 2008. We are also grateful for continuing service by Carol Weber as recording secretary, Homer Christensen as treasurer and Sue Meekins as corresponding secretary. The Board also approved reappointment of committee chairs for 2010.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS.

Judith Falkenrath plans to retire as director of the Child Development Center at the end of January. ACCA greatly appreciates Dr. Falkenrath's dedicated and capable leadership of ACCA's infant and preschool programs since 1998. Our February 2 meeting will begin with a reception honoring her service. ACCA welcomes new director Isabel Ballivian, an experienced director of non-profit child care centers. She began work in January.



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The Child Development Center provides developmental care for infants and children 3 months to 5 years old. Most families qualify for tuition subsidies. Many groups and individuals donated hats, mittens, coats, books and toys for the children at Christmas. The blizzard made distribution more difficult than most years. The families were grateful for all gifts they received. ACCA appreciates the community's generosity.

ANNANDALE CROP WALK RAISES FUNDS TO FIGHT WORLD HUNGER.

The 2009 Annandale CROP Walk raised a record \$21,334 for Church World Service. CWS works with partner organizations in the U.S. and around the world to fund programs that respond to disasters, fight hunger, serve refugees and help poor people better their lives. We appreciate the strong support for the CROP Walk from walkers, donors, volunteers and member churches. CWS can immediately respond to emergencies because of CROP Walk donations and working relationships with humanitarian organizations in other countries. CWS is making a special appeal for Haiti. For more information on CWS, please see <http://www.churchworldservice.org>.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Family Emergency – In November 2009, ACCA assisted 43 households with a total of \$16,002 in funding for rent, utilities and medicine. In December, assistance totaled \$15,969 and 47 households were helped. ACCA administered \$520 in FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Program assistance in Fairfax and \$1,130 in Falls Church.

Food Pantry – In November, Food Pantry volunteers made 72 deliveries, assisting 215 individuals. The Boy Scout food drive provided an estimated 10,600 pounds of food. Special food drives at CGI, Inc., Briarwood North, the Parliament Apartments, Springfield Estates School, and Calvary Church of the Nazarene also helped restock pantry supplies. In December, volunteers made 91 deliveries, assisting 317 individuals. Thirty Christmas baskets were donated and the pantry assisted another 35 families with food for Christmas. Despite the generous donations in November, the pantry is low on dried beans, small bags of rice, bars of soap, toilet paper and cereal.

Furniture -- Furniture ministry volunteers made 31 deliveries and picked up furniture from 19 donors on three November Saturdays. In December, volunteers made deliveries to 21 households and made pickups from 30 donors in two weeks. The warehouse operated in the snow December 5, but was closed December 19 and 26 due to the snowstorm and Christmas. An ACCA pastor requested help for

a single mother and her child, and the crew furnished the apartment with beds, linens, a table, dressers, chairs, and lamps. Thanks to Dave and Pat Donahue, the Furniture committee received a large supply of clothing from St. Mark Church and delivered the items to Bailey Crossroads Shelter and St. Anthony Church. The furniture warehouse needs donations of mattresses, bedding, tables and chairs, sofas, and dressers so ACCA can address the many requests for help. To donate furniture, please contact the DiSpiritos at 703 256-9513.

Grants – ACCA has received a grant of \$20,000 from the Community Foundation of the National Capital Region to assist ACCA in improving efficiency and effectiveness of our operations, including communications. Fairfax County and George Mason University's Non-Profit Center are giving ACCA technical assistance for our effort to digitize Family Emergency Committee records. The Grants Committee has also applied for several other grants. The Challenge Grant continues through January 31 (please see page 1).

Meals on Wheels – In November, volunteers made 310 deliveries of hot meals and cold suppers on 19 delivery days. In December, 325 deliveries were made on 19 days. Before the snowstorm, the clients received staple foods to use while deliveries were not possible, and all were notified when deliveries could not be made due to hazardous conditions.

Transportation – Volunteer drivers gave 19 rides to medical appointments to 16 people, and in December, 18 drivers provided transportation for 15 people.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Special Collection of Outer Wear – ACCA is supporting St. Michael Parish collection of men's outer wear for day laborers in Annandale. The items will be distributed at 9 a.m. January 29. Donated clothing will be gathered at St. Michael on Thursday, January 28th at 7:30 p.m. Items needed include men's jackets, sweaters, scarves, gloves, sweatshirts and knitted hats. For more information, please contact Don Di Spirito.

Meals for Hypothermia Program - More homeless adults are seeking overnight shelter than can be accommodated by local shelters, and area faith communities are providing sleeping space for these individuals. Can you or your volunteer group provide 50 hot meals for area homeless adults and food for their breakfast and lunch the following day? If so, please contact Mr. Thornell Hancock at the Bailey's Crossroad's Community Adult Shelter by e-mail at thancock@voaches.org or by phone at 703 820-762.