

Furniture - The ACCA furniture team completed 54 pickups and deliveries during September. In October, furniture crews made deliveries to 32 households and collected furniture from 25 donor households. Large donations were made by the Helping the Children Worldwide Association in Sterling, VA, and estates at Goodwin House in Red Fox community. The furniture warehouse needs donations of mattresses, dressers, sofas and tables and chairs.

Grants- The committee has been very busy seeking grants. The Washington Forrest Foundation has again offered ACCA a Challenge Grant. ACCA and the ACCA Child Development Center have been approved to receive funding from the Fairfax County Consolidated Community Funding Pool, United Way, the Community Foundation of the National Capitol Region and the World Bank.

Meals-on-Wheels- In July, volunteers delivered 758 meals; in September, 722 meals, and in October, 658 meals.

Transportation- Volunteers provided 21 rides for 15 individuals in July to medical and other appointments. Volunteers gave 19 rides for 16 people in August, and gave 20 rides for 13 people in September. In October, 27 rides were provided for 25 people.

FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 21	Latter Day Saints/Friendship United Methodist
November 29	Closed for Thanksgiving holiday
December 5	Cornerstone Evangelical/ St. Barnabas Episcopal
December 12	Peace Lutheran/ St. Anthony Catholic
December 19	St. Alban/ Annandale United Methodist
Dec. 26- Jan. 2	Closed for Christmas and New Year's holidays

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday, December 1
Warner Baptist Church
3613 Lacey Boulevard
Falls Church, VA 22041**

Fellowship 7:30 pm/ Meeting 7:45 pm

ACCA's Website: www.accacares.org

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

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2009-10 CHALLENGE GRANT BEGINS

ACCA has been offered \$17,500 in funding from the Washington Forrest Foundation to begin this year's Challenge. Two anonymous donors have provided an additional \$7,500 to make the total challenge \$25,000. The Challenge Grant season began October 1, and will continue until January 31, 2010. This opportunity to support and help ACCA serve needy neighbors will be our biggest Challenge Grant ever. Our goal is to bring in \$5 in donations for each dollar of the \$25,000 challenge. This funding will help ACCA respond to the ever increasing calls for help. ACCA has been recognized as one of the best small non-profits in the D. C. area in the upcoming 2009-2010 *Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington*.

ACCA IS ELIGIBLE FOR WORKPLACE GIVING DONATIONS

Please consider designating ACCA to receive your workplace campaign donations. ACCA is an eligible organization in both the Combined Federal Campaign and the United Way. Each year, designated funds are an important support as ACCA helps neighbors in need with emergency and basic needs. ACCA's United Way Designation Number is 8058, and the Combined Federal Campaign Designation Number is 58934.

CROP WALK IS A SUCCESS DESPITE RAIN

More than 50 walkers and volunteers came out in the rain for the Annandale CROP walk at Lake Accotink Park. In recognition of the 30th anniversary of the first Annandale CROP Walk, Ted Farrar of Church World Service presented coordinator Camille Mittelholtz with a commemorative walking stick, and gave many long time volunteers and walkers certificates of appreciation. Nancy Boxall, the first coordinator of the Annandale CROP Walk and Sally Norris, who raised over \$5,000 in pledges this year, were among those receiving certificates. Our county supervisors thanked the walkers for their efforts to help address hunger and poverty. Walkers will be collecting donations for Church World Service, whether they walked October 17 or walked later in better conditions. Since 1979, the Annandale CROP Walk has raised about \$400,000 for world hunger, and Church World Service has shared nearly a quarter of that with ACCA.



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PASTORS LUNCHEON REVIEWS ACCESS TO HUMAN SERVICES

Verdia Haywood, Fairfax County Deputy Executive for Human Services, spoke about human service delivery and needs in the area. The pastors were given materials about how to direct people to services. ACCA thanks the Annandale Giant for providing food for the October 22 luncheon and thanks Annandale United Methodist Church for providing the luncheon site. We also thank Mary Lee Dispirito and many other volunteers for organizing the luncheon. Mr. Haywood plans to retire at the end of the year, and we appreciate his support for cooperation between ACCA and his Department.

SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS AT THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

New and returning children were excited to start the fall program at the Child development Center. The Center serves children ranging in age from 3 months to 5 years. Most of the children are from low-to moderate-income families. The Center provides speech, occupational therapy and other special services to children who need them. The children enjoyed Halloween festivities, including a visit to the adult day care center. The Center held a teacher workday and training on November 2. The Center continues its search for a new director. For more information, please see ACCA's website at www.accacares.org, or contact the Center at 703 642-5013.

REBUILDING TOGETHER PLANNING FOR APRIL 2010

The Rebuilding Together staff is busy preparing for the 2010 work day, which will be April 24. This will be ACCA's 21st year of participation in the program. ACCA is seeking volunteers to serve as house captains and churches to support sponsorship. Each house costs \$2500 to sponsor. Please let Marie know of your interest by December 1 at mamonsen@cox.net. We are also looking for houses in our community to repair. To nominate a house for ACCA or to learn about criteria for home selection, please contact Patti Dennis Klein at 703 528-5606, ext. 16.

HOST CHURCHES

The ACCA Board of Directors thanks the Annandale Ward, Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints for hosting the September meeting. We also appreciate the hospitality of Ravensworth Baptist Church in October and St. Anthony Catholic Church in November. Fr. Tuck Grinnell and others told us about St. Anthony's food pantry.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hypothermia project- Several ACCA churches will provide space for the hypothermia prevention sheltering in December through March. The guests will

have a hot evening meal at the Baileys Crossroads Community Shelter and will travel to the shelter sites. Volunteers are needed to provide dinners (50 for each meal). Volunteers are also needed to prepare brown-bag breakfasts and lunches. Groups should contact Thornell Hancock at 703/820-7621 to arrange a date to provide meals.

Holiday baskets- The County's Thanksgiving and Christmas Adopt a Family program connects donors with needy families. Donors provide food for a special meal at Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as Christmas gifts for children. If you would like to be connected with a family, please contact Mary Lee Di Spirito at 703/256-9513,

Interfaith Communities for Dialogue- A program on "Sacred Scripture- How do you understand your own? How Can I try?" Will be held on November 18, 7-9:40 pm at the Congregation Olam Tikvah, 3800 Glenbrook Road, Fairfax. Please register by email at CILUSER@fairfaxcounty.gov or call (703) 324-3453.

Thanksgiving services-The Annual ACCA Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held Tuesday, November 24, 7:00 p.m. at Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale, Virginia 22003.

-The Falls Church Ministerium Community Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, November 22nd at First Christian Church, 6165 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22044, at 7 pm. This will be an Interfaith Service.

-First Presbyterian Church will host Ravensworth Road churches for an ecumenical service November 25 at 7:30 pm. The church is at 7610 Newcastle Street, Annandale.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Family Emergency- In July, ACCA helped 47 households and gave \$28, 239 in assistance for rent, utilities, medical and other urgent needs. In August, the committee helped 41 households and gave \$16,120 in assistance. In September, 36 households received \$16,120 and in October, 49 households received a total of \$24,796 in assistance. Behind these numbers are stories of many families with urgent needs who avoided eviction or loss of utilities or who received medicine. ACCA also distributes Federal Emergency Management Agency and Recovery Act funds to needy families.

Food Pantry- In July, pantry volunteers made 82 deliveries, assisting 259 individuals. In August there were 59 deliveries assisting 190 individuals, and in September pantry volunteers made 81 deliveries, serving 213 people. The pantry needs food donations, especially cans of black and kidney beans, crackers, rice, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, cake mixes, cookies, meat products and all paper products and soap. We thank all the volunteers who have helped to keep the pantry running smoothly.