

Fairfax County is planning a hypothermia prevention program to provide shelter, food and support to homeless neighbors who are not part of the regular sheltering program. Church groups and other volunteers are asked to help the program by providing hot meals for 50 people, bag lunches and breakfast food. The program will again be located at area churches and will operate December through March. Please contact Thornell Hancock at the Baileys Community Shelter at 703 820-7621 for more information or to volunteer.

The Interfaith Communities for Action will present a program focusing on issues facing immigrants, November 6 at Congregation Olam Tikfa.

## FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 1	St. Michael Catholic/ Immanuel United Methodist
October 8	Providence Presbyterian/ John Calvin Presbyterian
October 22	CLOSED FOR ANNANDALE PARADE
October 29	St. Anthony Catholic/ Rotary Club
November 5	Latter Day Saints (Annandale Ward)/ Peace Lutheran
November 12	St. Barnabas Episcopal/ Cornerstone
November 19	Providence Presbyterian/John Calvin Presbyterian

### NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, October 4**

**ACCA Child Development Center**

**7200 Columbia Pike**

**Annandale, VA 22003**

**Fellowship 7:30 pm/ Meeting 7:45 pm**

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

**For assistance referrals, please call**

**Fairfax County Human Services at 703 222-0880**

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

## EMILY AND FRED RUFFING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

**C**ongratulations to Afomeya McKonnen, the new recipient of the Emily and Fred Ruffing Memorial Scholarship. Afomeya graduated from Woodson High School and is attending Northern Virginia Community College. Scholarship Committee chair Ann Marie Hicks and Emily Ruffing presented checks at the July meeting to all four scholarship recipients. The continuing recipients are Julie Shayka, a senior at NYU; Josh Anton, UVA, and Cassandra Dahlke, Marymount. All four recipients thanked the group for ACCA's assistance. The scholarship has been renamed to honor Emily Ruffing for over 40 years of service to ACCA and the Child Development Center, and to continue as a tribute to the late Fred Ruffing. The scholarship is awarded to a student who has worked to meet the challenge of a disability and needs financial assistance. Contributions to the Emily and Fred Ruffing Scholarship fund are needed to sustain the program. Checks payable to ACCA should designate the Ruffing Scholarship and be sent to ACCA at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

## WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGNS BENEFIT ACCA

**A**CCA supporters have the opportunity to make designated gifts to ACCA through upcoming workplace giving campaigns. Please consider a gift when making designations. The **United Way of the National Capital Area** workplace giving campaign begins in September at local business and County/City locations. ACCA's **United Way** designation is **Code #8058**. **Combined Federal Campaign** designations provide a substantial number of dollars for ACCA. Pledges through CFC can designate to ACCA by using **Code #58934**. Employees can also make designations to ACCA through the **work campaigns administered by America's Charities**.

## CROP WALK AND POSTER CONTEST

The 2011 Annandale CROP Hunger Walk will be Saturday, October 15. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Lake Accotink Park, near the marina. After a short opening ceremony, the walk will begin at 8:30 am. ACCA is the local sponsor for the Annandale CROP Hunger Walk. The Walk raises funds for Church World



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Service (CWS) to support programs to address hunger, disaster and refugee relief and development projects around the world. In the U.S, CWS helps with response to disasters. The 2010 Annandale CROP Walk raised \$18,385 and ACCA received \$4,596 from CWS to fight hunger and poverty in our community. Walk materials may be obtained from recruiters at participating churches.

Youth through grade 12 are invited to submit posters to the CROP Hunger Walk poster contest. Posters should be about hunger and should list the Annandale CROP Walk date, time and place. Please use paper 14" x 22" or smaller and write the artist's name, grade and church on the back. Please submit posters to the ACCA Child Development Center by October 6. Winning posters will be announced at the CROP Walk. For more information about the Annandale CROP Walk or the poster contest, please contact Camille Mittelholtz at [kmittelholtz1@cox.net](mailto:kmittelholtz1@cox.net) or telephone 703 573-0074. For more information about CWS, please see [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org).

## **CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS**

The new school year began September 6 at the Child Development Center, new classrooms for returning children and a number of new children. The ACCA CDC is one of 12 Fairfax County preschools participating in the Virginia Star Quality Initiative, a voluntary quality rating program of early learning providers. Parents can make more informed choices, and providers are given teacher training and other tools to continually improve the quality of their services. VSQI visited the ACCA CDC in June. The TD Bank awarded the Child Development Center a \$2,500 grant at the grand opening ceremony for the Annandale branch on July 16. ACCA is very grateful for this generous grant.

## **HOST CHURCHES**

Queen of Apostles Catholic Church hosted the July ACCA Board of Directors meeting. In addition to hosts Joe and Karen Barnowski, visitors from Queen of Apostles included Betty Jane Davis, Emily Ruffing and Karle Finley. Other guests included Jean Stephens, the Ruffing Scholars and their parents.

The Annandale Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, hosted the September meeting. We appreciate the hospitality of the Annandale Ward and their OR Richard Magleby. The opening prayer was led by Bishop Oscar Flores of the Little River Ward, Church of Latter Day Saints. The ACCA Board approved a motion for the Little River Ward to become a member of ACCA. The Little River Ward is a Spanish-speaking congregation that meets in the same building as the Annandale Ward. We welcome this new church to our ministries.

## **REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES**

**Development-** ACCA has requested grant funds for the annual Challenge Grant Campaign. The campaign, an important source of funds for ACCA's assistance programs, is expected to begin in October. The committee submitted the report to United Way for the FY 2011 grant of \$20,000 for Family Emergency Assistance Programs. Initial documents needed for the FY 2012 grant application have also been sent to United Way.

**Family Emergency-** In July, ACCA served 32 households with help for rent, utilities and medical and other needs, and a total of \$14,305 emergency assistance was provided. In August, ACCA assisted 39 households with a total of \$11,901.72 in support. Among those ACCA helped were a single mother and two children who were able to avoid eviction with ACCA's assistance with outstanding rent payments. ACCA also provided part of a security deposit to help an elderly couple move to an apartment that would be accessible for the recently disabled husband. Other families were helped with medicine and utility payments.

**Food Pantry-**Volunteers made 72 deliveries of food (assisting 217 people) in July and 68 deliveries in August. Special thanks to residents of Briarwood North apartments, and to youth groups from John Calvin Presbyterian, Annandale United Methodist and Church of Jesus Christ, LDS for holding food drives to collect donations for the ACCA Pantry. The youth groups also shelved the food they collected.

**Furniture-** The ministry's trucks were inspected and maintained while the warehouse was closed in August. The annual Furniture Program meeting in August reviewed the accomplishments September 2010 through July 2011. The furniture ministry delivered 370 deliveries to needy households and picked up furniture from 317 donors. Donations included mattresses, tables and chairs, dressers, sofas, bedding and other items. The program was grateful for work of many volunteers and support from Transurban Corporation, the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, Fairfax County and others. Supervisor Penny Gross has been a strong advocate for the program.

**Meals on Wheels-**Volunteers made a total of 426 deliveries of hot and cold meals in July on 20 days, and 497 deliveries in August over 23 days. The program provides nutritious meals for older people, delivered to their homes.

**Transportation-** Volunteer drivers provided 28 rides to medical appointments for 21 people in July and 37 rides for 28 people in August.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The ACCA Pastors and Partners luncheon will be held October 20, 2011, at 11:30 am, at the Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Giant Foods will sponsor the luncheon. This is an opportunity for pastors to learn more about what ACCA is doing in the community for our needy neighbors and for ACCA to thank the clergy and other pastors for their support.