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FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 24	Ravensworth Baptist/Annandale United Methodist
March 3	St. Alban's Episcopal
March 10	Providence Presbyterian
March 17	St. Michael's Catholic
March 24	Latter Day Saints/Friendship Methodist
March 31	St. Barnabas/Cornerstone Evangelical
April 7	CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAY
April 14	Peace Lutheran/John Calvin Presbyterian
April 21	Ravensworth Baptist/Annandale United Methodist

Next Meeting

Tuesday March 6

John Calvin Presbyterian Church

6531 Columbia Pike, Annandale

7:30 Fellowship/7:45 Meeting

CHALLENGE GRANT A SUCCESS

ACCA thanks the churches, church groups, individuals and businesses who made donations in response to ACCA's challenge grant campaign. We are very grateful to all our donors. The campaign raised over \$69,000. Because donations exceeded the challenge grant matching requirements, ACCA will receive the pledged \$15,000 from the Washington Forrest Foundation and \$5,000 from an anonymous donor. We thank the Grant Committee, especially Mary Lee DiSpirito, the Communications Committee, and Assistant Treasurer Gayle Schlenker for their work on the challenge grant campaign. Funds raised in response to the challenge grant campaign will help ACCA serve the needy in our community through emergency assistance for rent, utilities, medicine and food, support for the ACCA Child Development Center, and delivery of used furniture.

THANKS TO CROP WALK DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS

The 2006 Annandale CROP Walk raised \$15,789 in donations to benefit Church World Service. The funds support hunger, refugee and disaster relief and development projects around the world. The ACCA Food Pantry will receive 25% of the funds raised. About 115 walkers and volunteers from 17 ACCA churches participated in the walk. The top-earning walkers were Sylvia Campbell of Ravensworth Baptist Church and Nancy Boxall of John Calvin Presbyterian Church. Nancy also served as the coordinator for 22 walkers from John Calvin. We thank everyone who supported the walk.

REBUILDING TOGETHER WORKDAY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28

ACCA has participated in the Rebuilding Together program since 1990, when it was known as Christmas in April. Between 1990 and 2006, ACCA volunteers have repaired 97 homes. This year's workday will be April 28, 8 am – 5 pm. Volunteers interested in painting, making repairs and helping with food for workers can sign-up through their churches. ACCA will receive our house assignments in March.



HOST CHURCHES

St. Alban's Episcopal Church hosted our January meeting. Fred Holmes described St. Alban's long participation in ACCA's ministries. Our February meeting was held at Ravensworth Baptist Church. President Nancy Hall and Carol Weber spoke of Ravensworth Baptist's long tradition of acting for social justice and continuing participation in ACCA and ministries outside our community.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ACCA is approaching our fortieth year of providing service to those in need in our community. We are planning a celebration on October 2 at Queen of Apostles Church.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

Center director Dr. Judith Falkenrath reported on the wonderful outpouring of Christmas spirit from the community in December. Churches, businesses, civic and school groups provided an abundance of gifts for the children and families. The Center is continuing to identify children with developmental delays. Specialists are working with children with special needs, and some children travel to the public schools for services. We are pleased to have graduate student interns from George Mason University working at the Infant-Toddler Center.

The Virginia Legislature is having difficulty reaching solutions that will fund human services needs, including child care subsidies, while also addressing other demands for funding. A long term solution for funding child care subsidies is critical so that centers like the ACCA Child Development Center can continue to give quality care for children.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Family Emergency- In December, 45 households received assistance with rent, utilities, or medicine. Assistance grants totaled \$23,125. In January, ACCA assisted 86 households, providing a total of \$38,972 in assistance for rent, utilities or medicine. With the grants, ACCA helped a mother with an infant and two small children get power service restored and helped to obtain dental work for a man who had long suffered an abscessed tooth. ACCA also helped an 80 year-old woman who had been living in a vehicle move into an apartment.

Food Pantry- In December, pantry volunteers made 32 deliveries to 102 people. The pantry also provided holiday food baskets for 86 families. The pantry had 54 deliveries serving 177 people for the month of January. The pantry needs donations of nonperishable food and paper goods, especially spaghetti and sauce, small bags of rice, dried red beans, peanut butter, jelly, cereal and canned fruit.

Furniture Ministry- In December 2006 we completed 69 deliveries and pickups. In January, the furniture ministry served a total of 60 clients. Volunteers delivered furniture and household items to a family that had to abandon its apartment and all their belongings due to pests. The furniture volunteers returned with used clothing for the teenage son. A group from St. Michael's provided gifts and food certificates for the same client family through the holiday basket program. The furniture program also provided an apartment full of furniture for a refugee family moving to Annandale. The furniture ministry received a truckload of sheets and blankets from the Quality Inn in Arlington and a truckload of surplus chairs from Fairfax County. We appreciate these generous donations. The warehouse needs donations of mattresses and box springs in all sizes.

Grant Committee- ACCA has submitted an application to participate in work place fund raising through the United Way and Combined Federal Campaigns, and is preparing an application for the Virginia work place campaign. ACCA plans to submit an application to Alternative Gifts International. Last year, ACCA received a \$5,000 grant from AGI.

Meals-on-Wheels- Volunteers delivered 595 meals in December, an average of 31 meals each delivery day. In January, volunteers delivered 588 meals, an average of 28 a day. Clients also received staple food for days when meals cannot be delivered due to weather.

Transportation- In December, volunteers provided 18 rides for 15 people. In January, 43 rides were provided for 37 people.

Treasurer- ACCA received a generous bequest from the estate of George Shields, former parishioner of Queen of Apostles Catholic Church.

IN MEMORIAM

The Reverend John Frizzell, former rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, passed away in December. Father Frizzell was very supportive of ACCA in its early years.

Hortense von Breedow passed away in January. She was the wife of former Meals on Wheels driver coordinator Hasso von Breedow.

Ruth Tomsuden passed away in January. She was the transportation volunteer coordinator from St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church.

The ACCA community offers our condolences to the families of these ACCA supporters.