

**Community Volunteer Opportunities:** The Fairfax County CASH Partnership is a local coalition of volunteers who help low-income residents with free tax preparation assistance. For more information or to volunteer, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/partnerships/cashvolunteerform.htm> or contact Elsa Luis at 703-1554 or at [elsa.luis@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:elsa.luis@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 1	St. Alban's Episcopal/Queen of Apostles Catholic
March 8	Providence Presbyterian/John Calvin Presbyterian
March 15	St. Michael Catholic/Immanuel United Methodist
March 22	CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAY
April 5	Annandale Latter Day Saints/Friendship United Methodist
April 12	Cornerstone Evangelical/St. Barnabas Episcopal
April 19	Peace Lutheran/St. Anthony Catholic
April 26	Ravensworth Baptist/Annandale United Methodist

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Tuesday, March 4**  
**Immanuel United Methodist Church**  
**7901 Heritage Drive, Annandale, VA 22003**  
**7:30 PM Fellowship/7:45 PM Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 1**  
**St. Alban's Episcopal Church**  
**6800 Columbia Pike, Annandale VA 22003**  
**7:30 PM Fellowship/7:45 PM Meeting**

**ACCA'S WEBSITE: [www.accacares.org](http://www.accacares.org)**  
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# NEWS

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

January-February  
2008

## ACCA CHALLENGE GRANT CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL

**T**hanks to a strong response from donors, ACCA will receive the challenge grants of \$17,500 from the Washington Forrest Foundation and \$7,500 from anonymous donors. Four businesses, 241 individuals, and ten churches and church organizations made donations toward the Challenge Grant. The donations, with the challenge grants from the Washington Forrest Foundation and anonymous donors, reached a total of \$108,339.71 ACCA is very grateful to the Washington Forrest Foundation and all the challenge grant donors. These donations will make it possible for ACCA to provide help in the Baileys Crossroads-Annandale area, including rental assistance, services to children at the Child Development Center and other services. In addition to challenge grant receipts, ACCA also received a total of \$34,143 in unrestricted gifts from individuals, churches and businesses during the challenge grant period of October 1 2007 through January 31 2008. We appreciate these donations.

## REBUILDING TOGETHER WORK DAY PLANNED FOR APRIL 26

**A**CCA volunteers will repair two houses through the 2008 Rebuilding Together work day on April 26. Rebuilding Together is a nationwide program to repair homes for low-income homeowners, especially elderly owners, and nonprofit organizations. RPJ Housing is the local organization. Sponsoring churches are providing funds, but additional donations to ACCA for the Rebuilding Together program will help raise the \$2500 needed to sponsor each house. Skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed to work on ACCA-sponsored houses. If you would like to work on a house, please contact your church ACCA representative or M. Monsen at [mamonsen@cox.net](mailto:mamonsen@cox.net).

## MEETING HOSTS

**U**nited Baptist Church hosted the January meeting. Official Representative Debbie Caffrey, Dr. Jerry Young, co-pastor, and Minister of Youth Twyla Turner welcomed the Board to the church. United Baptist provides office space and distribution space for the Annandale weekday Meals-on-Wheels program.



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Child Development Center Director Dr. Judith Falkenrath welcomed the ACCA Board to the Child Development Center for the February meeting. The Center provides quality care and early education for children ranging in age from 3 months to 5 years. Current enrollment is 173 children.

## **CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS**

Dr. Falkenrath reported that the Center is pleased to be participating in Governor Kaine's Start Smart program. The Center is hiring teachers and assistant teachers. Dr. Falkenrath also said that all the children received wonderful gifts at Christmas, and thanked ACCA churches and other supporters for their generosity.

## **CROP WALK FUNDS TO FIGHT POVERTY GLOBALLY AND LOCALLY**

The 2007 Annandale CROP Walk raised a total of \$18,078 in donations. Contributions to Church World Service help support refugee assistance, hunger and disaster relief and self-help projects to improve people's lives. ACCA will receive one fourth of the donations. We thank all the churches, donors, walkers, recruiters and volunteers for their support. We especially appreciate efforts of three walkers who raised over \$1,000 each in donations --Sylvia Campbell of Ravensworth Baptist Church (who walked in Kuwait), Nancy Boxall of John Calvin Church and Sally Norris of United Baptist Church.

## **STUDENTS EVALUATE ACCA PROGRAMS**

ACCA will cooperate with George Washington University for graduate student evaluations of our programs. The evaluations will help ACCA to gather information on our performance that will be useful as we apply for grants. Special thanks to the students, their professor and Pat Donahue for arranging the project.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

ACCA needs family assistance and food captains to work from home fielding phone calls from social workers. Volunteers serve about one week per quarter. A volunteer to prepare the family assistance captain schedules is also needed. Drivers are needed to pick up food from the food pantry and deliver it to families in the Annandale, Lincolnia and Baileys Crossroads areas. All clients are screened and referred by social service agencies. For information or to volunteer, please contact S. Farris at followedbyamoonshadow@verizon.net or in care of the CDC at 703 256-0100.

## **REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES**

**Family Emergency** – In January, ACCA assisted 45 families with payments toward rent, utilities, medicine, and other expenses, giving a total of \$17,489. ACCA helped two people moving into apartments and helped pay utilities for a man who is caring

for his invalid wife. In December 2007, the Family Emergency Committee gave a total of \$19,114 to help 43 households with rent, utilities and medical expenses. ACCA helped one family with payments toward a child's dental surgery. Long time volunteers Bette McBeth, Avis Jarrett and Helen Pfohl have recently retired from their volunteer service to the Family Emergency committee. ACCA and the community are deeply grateful for their dedication to helping others.

**Food Pantry** – In December, the food pantry made 48 deliveries to 156 people, and also provided Christmas food baskets for 70 households. January was especially busy, with 76 food deliveries serving 217 individuals. In one week, ACCA made 25 food deliveries. Many thanks to all the people who have helped collect food and stock the shelves, especially the members of Calvary Church of the Nazarene and Providence Presbyterian Church. In December, there were 11 food drives from schools, apartment complexes, and businesses. The Sunday school 1-5th graders at Annandale United Methodist Church bring food quarterly, take it to the pantry, and put it on the shelves. ACCA worked with Our Daily Bread on a food drive project at Fair City mall. Because of all these drives, the pantry is fairly well stocked. Special pantry needs include rice and dried red beans.

**Finance** -- The committee welcomes ACCA's new treasurer, Homer Christiansen, new assistant treasurer, Nancy Walker, and new committee member Nancy Mohlmann. The committee completed a mid-year review of expenses and income. ACCA thanks Hank and Gayle Schlenker for their service as treasurer and assistant treasurer, respectively.

**Furniture** -- Furniture committee volunteers completed a record 75 pickups and deliveries during the month of January, and five pickups during the holiday season. We are very short of furniture, and especially need mattresses and box springs for double, queen size and single beds, dressers and sofas.

**Grants** -- The Northern Virginia Community Foundation has approved a grant of \$7500 for the Child Development Center to support Special Needs and scholarships for families who lose eligibility for child care subsidies. ACCA has been approved by the Lake Barcroft Woman's Club to receive 1/3 of the proceeds from their House Tour on April 12, 2008.

**Meals on Wheels** – In December, Meals on Wheels volunteers delivered 465 meals over 19 weekdays. In January, volunteers delivered 524 meals over 21 days.

**Transportation** – In December, volunteer drivers provided 20 rides for 18 people, and in January, drivers gave 33 rides for 29 people.