



FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 28	Closed for Memorial Day Holiday
June 4	St. Michael Catholic/Latter Day Saints
June 11	Rotary Club/Immanuel United Methodist
June 18	Providence Presbyterian/Lincolnia United Methodist
June 25	St. Albans Episcopal/Warner Baptist

The Furniture Warehouse is located on the grounds of Annandale United Methodist Church, at Columbia Pike and Gallows Road in Annandale. Furniture crews begin work at 8 am Saturday mornings. To donate furniture, please call 703 256-9513.

NEXT MEETING

ACCA Child Development Center

7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale

7:30 PM Refreshments/7:45 PM Meeting

The Reverend Bill Kynes welcomed the ACCA Board to the May meeting, and opened with a prayer. He showed the group the new sanctuary of Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church. Cornerstone Evangelical has a diverse membership, including many African members. The church has a close partnership with FULAA, a ministry with Sudanese refugees.

Rebuilding Together A Success Despite Soggy Day. On April 30, 125 ACCA volunteers turned out to renovate four houses under the auspices of Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April. Their work included building a French drain, carpentry & plumbing, and a lot of painting. We thank the churches that contributed funds or sponsored a house: Annandale UMC, John Calvin Presbyterian, Peace Lutheran, Queen of Apostles Catholic, Ravensworth Baptist, Mt. Pleasant Baptist and St. Barnabas Episcopal. We are grateful for the hard work of our house captains, who plan and organize the work. We thank the volunteers who prepared food for the workers, especially the North Star Women's Missionary Union. We thank everyone who contributed time, talents and money and helped make this year's effort another wonderful expression of God's love in our community. Since 1990, ACCA has renovated 94 houses in our community as part of Rebuilding Together- the nation's largest volunteer home rehabilitation network.

Meals On Wheels Needs Volunteers. The Annandale Meals-on Wheels program delivers two meals each weekday to home-bound elderly people who are unable to prepare their own meals. We are seeking a new driver coordinator. There is also a great need for new volunteer drivers who can deliver one or more days a week or who can help by being an on-call substitute. The Annandale program averages a total of 50 clients among the five routes. Meals are delivered to the United Baptist Church (corner of Columbia Pike & John Marr) drive weekdays between 10:30am and 10:45am, and delivery takes an hour or one and one half hours. Anyone interested should call Peg Frank (703-941-9128) or Mary Lee DeSpirito (703-256-9513).



Budget for Next Year Being Developed. The ACCA board began consideration of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2006, which begins on July 1. ACCA's programs are funded through contributions from member churches, individuals, organizations, and grants from foundations and government. The draft budget shows that we expect less revenue, with reductions in some programs. The board will further discuss the proposed budget and vote on it at the June meeting.

Child Development Center Continues Wolf Trap Residency. Kofi Dennis, an African drummer, began the second phase of the Wolf Trap "Pages Residency" program in May. Teachers from four classrooms are involved in this innovative teacher training program, where teachers are learning new curriculum strategies. The teachers are also planning summer field trips. The Child Development Center serves 183 infants, toddlers and pre-school children. The Center is planning work on the playground to meet new Commonwealth of Virginia regulations.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Family Emergency.

In April, ACCA family emergency funds helped 42 households. In all, a total of \$14,225 in emergency assistance was provided. ACCA assisted 19 households with a total of \$9,536 toward rent, 9 households with a total of \$2,494 toward utilities, and 14 households with \$2,322 toward medicine. The Grants committee recommended that ACCA increase the Family Emergency Assistance guidelines to make them more realistic and to keep up with inflation. An increase would meet the terms of ACCA's grant from the Fairfax County Consolidated Community Funding Pool.

Food Pantry.

Volunteers made 35 deliveries from the food pantry to 84 people in April.

Meals on Wheels.

Volunteers delivered 803 meals in April, an average of 38.24 per day. Our driver coordinator Hasso von Breedow is retiring after many years of service. We appreciate his dedication to ACCA and the Meals on Wheels Program.

Furniture Ministry.

The furniture program completed 39 actions, with an average crew of 8 church members on Saturday mornings. Present critical needs include dressers, chests of drawers and sofas. We extend a special thank you to St. Anthony Church for their response to our request for beds the last few months.

House Wares Ministry.

The house wares ministry assisted 7 families during April, including several families that just arrived from Mexico. The house wares ministry, located at Glen Carlyn Baptist Church, seeks donations of gently used basic dishes (not including cups, saucers and mugs), glasses, flatware, pots and casserole dishes. The house wares ministry is no longer able to accept donations of curtains and other household items. The furniture ministry still welcomes donations of bedding.

Grants Committee.

The committee needs help in finding a sponsor for our annual challenge grant campaign, which has been supported by the Washington Forrest Foundation for the last four years.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS.

ACCA has several vacancies for committee or project leads—a volunteer coordinator, communications and finance chairs, media contact person, and holiday baskets coordinator. In July, two new directors for the Child Development Center Board will be needed to replace those completing terms on the board. As noted on page 1, we also need a Meals on Wheels driver coordinator and additional drivers.

