

Transportation –This important ministry provides rides to medical appointments for people without other means of transportation. Volunteer drivers provided 36 rides in February, 32 rides in March and 32 rides in April.

CROP Walk- The fall Annandale CROP Walk will be Saturday October 18. For more information on Church World Service programs including response to cyclone Nargis in Myanmar and the earthquake in China, please see www.churchworldservice.org. For Annandale CROP Walk information, please write to kmittelholtz1@cox.net.

FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 24	CLOSED- MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
May 31	St. Barnabas Episcopal/ Cornerstone Evangelical
June 7	Latter Day Saints/ Friendship Methodist
June 14	Peace Lutheran/ St. Anthony Catholic
June 21	Ravensworth Baptist/ Annandale United Methodist
June 28	Providence Presbyterian/ John Calvin
July 5	CLOSED- INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
July 12	St Alban Episcopal
July 19	St. Michael Catholic/ Immanuel Methodist
July 26	St. Barnabas/ Cornerstone Evangelical

Next Meetings

Tuesday, June 3

Sleepy Hollow United Methodist Church
3435 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Falls Church VA 22044
7:30 fellowship/ 7:45 meeting

Tuesday, July 15

St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church
4801 Ravensworth Road, Annandale, VA 22003
7:30 fellowship/ 7:45 meeting

ACCA's website: www.accacares.org

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NEWS

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

March-April-May
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REBUILDING TOGETHER WORKDAY

ACCA volunteers repaired two houses as part of the April 26 Rebuilding Together workday. The homeowner of one house an ACCA team repaired came to the May ACCA meeting, and told the group how pleased she was to have so much work done at her home. The other ACCA team repaired a group home for disabled men. Rebuilding Together, organized locally by RPJ Housing, is the largest volunteer effort to repair the homes of elderly and low-income homeowners in the U.S. ACCA has repaired 102 homes since 1990 including this year's. This effort makes an important contribution to Fairfax County's effort to end homelessness by helping to preserve the stock of affordable housing in our area. Sponsoring churches provided funds to support our work. ACCA thanks all the participating churches and volunteers, especially our housing coordinator Marie Monsen and house captains Brad Moffett, Jim Stewart, Frank Spink, Ken Mittelholtz and John Clarke.

FRED RUFFING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As an honor to an exceptional man, Fred Ruffing, the founder of ACCA, a memorial scholarship was established in 1978. The scholarship is targeted to disabled high school graduates who are also in need of financial aid for college. ACCA is appealing to member churches, individuals, and organizations to help finance this scholarship. Please consider a donation to ACCA for the Fred Ruffing Memorial Scholarship. Checks should be payable to ACCA and designated FRMS, and sent to 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. The 2008 scholarship applications are being reviewed, and the recipient will be announced in the July meeting.

HOST CHURCHES

The Rev. Debra Austin, pastor of Immanuel United Methodist Church, welcomed the ACCA Board to the March meeting. The Fred and Wanda Warren and other congregation members have supported ACCA since its early days. Immanuel UMC's building also houses the Christ Korean Methodist Church, the Korean Baptist Church, and the Seventh Day Adventist Hispanic



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Church of Annandale. St. Alban's Episcopal Church hosted the April meeting. Fred Holmes and Tom Tsui welcomed the Board to St. Alban's. The congregation has been part of ACCA since its establishment. In May, the Board met at John Calvin Presbyterian Church. The new pastor, Rev. Lisa Rzepka, described the commitment of church members to serve in the community. John Calvin has participated in ACCA since the organization's founding, and the church was the first location for the ACCA day care center.

NEWS FROM THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Child Development Center teachers are working to set goals and keep records for all the children under the Start Strong program, based on the Early Learning Guidelines adopted by the state. The Center has purchased new toy shelves, children's chairs for the 3 four-year-old classrooms and multicultural and bilingual books for the school library with Start Strong Grant money. Although the Start Strong grant ends in June, the CDC will continue to work with the Commonwealth and the County Office for Children as part of the Virginia Preschool initiative. Wolf Trap artist Valerie Carroll has been working with two of the classrooms in the Infant Center and with two of the three-year-old classrooms, teaching them to sing and dance. The children have been enjoying many outdoor activities now that spring weather has arrived.

ACCA THANKS BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATIONAL SPONSORS

While much of ACCA's support is from member churches and individuals, we are very pleased that a number of companies and organizations supported the ACCA challenge grant or otherwise contributed financially to ACCA between October 2007 and January 2008. These companies and organizations included:

Higher Education Publications, Falls Church VA

Walter Phillips, Inc., Falls Church, VA

Kay Jennings Springfield Toyota, Springfield, VA

APCO Worldwide, Washington, D. C.

Lawrence Cook Associates, Falls Church, VA

Catholic War Veterans, St. Anthony Post No. 1791, Fairfax, VA

IMPRESSIONS, Lorton, VA

For many years, a portion of the funds from the Lake Barcroft Woman's Club Home Tour have been allocated to ACCA. This year, the proceeds of the April tour will be shared by three local charities, including ACCA. ACCA appreciates this support.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Family Emergency – Examples of Family Emergency assistance during February, March and April include helping with rent payments so that families could avoid eviction, helping with payment of overdue utility bills, and purchase of eyeglasses. ACCA also worked with Homestretch to help a family move from a shelter to rental housing. In February, ACCA helped 38 households with a total of \$18,698; in March, ACCA gave a total of \$20,781 in assistance to 55 families, and in April, grants totaled \$19,253 (51 households).

Food Pantry – Volunteers delivered groceries and other household necessities to 55 families and households in February, serving 231 individuals; to 46 households in March, serving 149 individuals; and to 62 households in April, assisting 167 individuals. The pantry is fairly well stocked, thanks to the response to ACCA's Thanksgiving in Spring food drive. From several Sunday school and school groups. However, the pantry remains low on dried beans and bags of rice. The food committee was looking forward to the May 10 Annandale Post Office food drive. ACCA especially thanks the Lion's Club for once again supplying the pantry with fresh fruit during the last six months. The families receiving the fruit appreciated it.

Furniture – Furniture supplies were low early in the year due to fewer donations. The donations have increased in response to appeals for furniture. We thank the office of Supervisor Penny Gross for their effort to publicize our furniture needs. We nevertheless still need beds (especially doubles) and dressers. The ladies of Hope Lutheran Church gave the furniture committee 30 handmade quilts to send along with our bedding deliveries. We thank the quilters for their generous contribution to our ministry. We also appreciate the donation of chairs by Goodwin House and Sweetwater Tavern restaurant. In February, 45 pickups and deliveries were completed. Volunteers made a total of 54 pickups and deliveries in March, and 58 pickups and deliveries in April.

Grants – The Grant Committee has worked to apply for a number of grants. Thanks to strong advocacy from the community for human services, the Board of Supervisors approved more than \$10M in Consolidated Community Funding Pool funding, including grants for ACCA's Family Emergency Assistance, Furniture storage, and Nutrition/Hygiene programs.

Meals on Wheels – The Monday-Friday Annandale Meals-on Wheels has had an active three months. In February, volunteers delivered 451 meals over 19 delivery days. Committee volunteers delivered a total of 478 meals on 21 days in March, and 500 meals over 22 days in April.