

FINANCE

George Leach is recognized and thanked for his service and sharing his talents as ACCA Treasurer and Finance Committee Member. Do keep George in your prayers as he recuperates from heart surgery.

Gerald Klutz has agreed to serve as the Treasurer of ACCA. We appreciate his sense of commitment to this all important work of supervising our finances and bookkeeping.

STAY TUNED>>Check your TV guides for the MASON MATTERS cable program hosted by Penny Gross (Mason District Supervisor)...our own Mary Anne Lecos and Mary Lee DiSpirito will be appearing soon...subject: ACCA!



The Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 1

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Corner of Glen Carlyn Road and Rt. 7, Falls Church

7:30 p.m. refreshments

7:45 p.m. meeting



NEWS

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

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MATTHEW 25

The May Board meeting was hosted by St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. Camille Mittleholtz, a past president of ACCA and long time OR, (official representative) greeted us and read from Matthew 25, verses 31-46, which is very reassuring to those of us who do the work of ACCA. We are reminded that only we humans can carry on the mission of our Christian faith here on earth. St. Barnabas members Judy Falkenrath and Nancy Harmon were also in attendance, and recognized for their dedication to ACCA's mission.

TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

ACCA is grateful to all who contribute time, talent and treasure to our mission. Many in ACCA share all three of these attributes to continue our good works. Presently, The **FAMILY EMERGENCY COMMITTEE** has a **CRITICAL NEED** for additional **VOLUNTEERS** to share, especially, their **TIME**. The need is for additional **PHONE CAPTAINS**. **TIME** commitment?- as little as one week per year, or on the average one week every three months. All phone calls are received at your home, thus this is an ideal job for stay at home Moms, and retired people who can choose which week works best in their schedules. These duties take about 10 to 15 hours of time, at your choosing.

The duties of a **PHONE CAPTAIN** are:

- receive phone requests from Fairfax County social services and other authorized agencies and collect information concerning those in need.
- determine (using written guidelines) the amount of financial assistance to be given
- report the financial requests to the Chair of Family Emergency who will write the checks.

ACCA FAMILY EMERGENCY PROGRAM volunteers provide a critical role of hope for those in crisis- as Christ would want us to give comfort. PLEASE consider joining us in this worthwhile volunteer work.

Contact: Ann Marie Hicks 703 256 7749 or email amhicks@aol.com for further information, or to volunteer.



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We are truly grateful to **ALL** the present family emergency volunteers who have committed their precious time to this most important need.

THANK YOU FAIRFAX COUNTY!

Dr. Judy Falkenrath (CDC Director) has reported good news! The Child Development Center (CDC) is fully enrolled with waiting lists for every age group. **The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors** (despite budget concerns) did not make any cuts in the number of children funded through the Child Care and Assistance referral. All the 3-, 4-, 5- year- old children and any younger children who are exhibiting symptoms will be screened for vision and hearing this month. (Matthew 25...what you have done for the least of my children...)

The CDC has a dire need for people to make cot sheets; patterns and fabric are available at the CDC, phone # 703 256 0010.

HOUSING: 90 PLUS HOMES! Since 1990

With great joy (Matthew 25..when I was homeless ...) Marie Monsen reported that ACCA volunteers turned out in force on April 24th to renovate seven homes under the auspices of **Rebuilding Together With Christmas in April**. The jobs were varied and numerous: painting, carpentry, plumbing, gardening/yard work, and refreshment providing for the workers. A long time foster mother in the community was one of the recipients of the work: a ramp was built for wheelchair access along with other repairs. When it was noticed that the furniture exhibited extreme wear and tear (from foster children activity, no doubt) she was referred to receive furniture from ACCA.

Many, Very special THANK YOUS to the CHURCHES that contributed: First Christian Church, Lincolnia United Methodist, Queen of Apostles Catholic, Peace Lutheran, Ravensworth Baptist, St. Barnabas Episcopal, and to INOVA Health Systems. Marie has recognized the house captains as “angels in our midst” – without whose hardwork and dedication the repairs could not have been accomplished: Ron Poston, Jalmer Johnson, Rai Seifert, Norm Ward, Ken Mittleholtz, Frank Spink, and Patrick Boyle . They were pleased to have youth from St. Anthony Catholic Church and Trinity school working with them for the first time. (The Queen of Apostles captain) Patrick Boyle further livened up the day by arranging for an Irish band to entertain at their house.

Over the past 15 years, ACCA has renovated ninety (90!) houses in our community as part of Christmas in April. Our shared mission is “to preserve and revitalize houses and communities to assure that low income homeowners, particularly those that are elderly or disabled and families with children live in warmth, safety, and independence.” Marie has expressed her GRATITUDE to EVERYONE who contributed to make this year’s effort another wonderful expression of God’s love in our community.

FOOD PANTRY and MEALS ON WHEELS

(Matthew 25...when I was hungry you gave me to eat..) In April, Jean Rackowski reported that 44 families, for a total of 120 people were assisted. Our food deliverer volunteers have increased to 100 plus! In addition MOW (Meals on Wheels, as reported by Peg Frank), provided 771 meals, an average of 356 clients per day. Thank you to these selfless souls who are heeding the words of Christ in Matthew 25, in feeding the hungry.

FAMILY EMERGENCY

We express our deep appreciation to Jean Leach (who has retired due to family responsibilities). Jean chaired this core outreach of ACCA for the past two years. We are fortunate to have had Marie Markey (a past ACCA president) agree to assume this awesome and important task. Last month, ACCA FE assisted 48 families with either rent, utility payments, or medical prescription bills for a total of \$12, 779.00. These works of charity, too, fulfill Matthew 25’s directives. Thank you to all who serve on the FE committee, and especially to MaryAnne Lecos and Diane Woodworth who served as short term liaisons this past month in Jean’s absence.

FURNITURE /HOUSEWARES

The ever dedicated Don DiSpirito, reported that 49 pickups and deliveries of furniture were completed in April. Among the recipients were a mother and four children who were sleeping on the floor, (for lack of beds) after moving from a shelter into a small home. The FURNITURE MINISTRY equipped them with beds, tables, and chairs, dressers, lamps, a TV and other items. This furniture delivery also served as a revelation to a teenage crewmember, who was shocked to witness the poverty in the house, then thrilled to see the transformation made through ACCA.(Matthew 25...as long as you did this to the least of my people...you did it to Me)

Don also reported that we now have a partnership with Greenspring Retirement Complex, as a source of nice furniture, for this we are grateful.