

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alternative Gift Market. Honor your family and friends at the Alternative Gift Markets held at Ravensworth Baptist Church and John Calvin Presbyterian Church. Ravensworth Baptist, 5100 Ravensworth Road, Annandale, November 19, 9:30-10:45 am and 12:00 -1:00 pm; December 3, 12:00-1:00 pm; and December 10, 12:00-1:00 pm. John Calvin Presbyterian, 6531 Columbia Pike, Annandale, December 9, 10:00 am-2:00 pm and December 10, 9:30-10:00 am and 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

Tax Assistance Volunteers Needed. You can help working families with their basic tax preparation using software sponsored by IRS. The program is offered through Fairfax County CASH Volunteers in Tax Assistance. Serve weekday evenings from 6 to 9pm and/or Saturdays from January 19th through April 15th. For more information, visit the CASH web site <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/partnerships/> or call Tom Meagher at tom.meagher@fairfaxcounty.gov

WORKPLACE GIVING

Please consider designating ACCA as you make your decisions about donations in workplace community campaigns. ACCA is a member of the United Way of the National Capital Area. When making a donation to the United Way or the Combined Federal Campaign, please use ACCA's agency code number, 8058. ACCA's code for the 2006 Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign is #8233.

FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 18	St. Michael Catholic
November 25	Closed for Thanksgiving holiday
December 2	Latter Day Saints/Friendship Methodist
December 9	St. Barnabas Episcopal/Cornerstone Evangelical
December 16	Peace Lutheran/John Calvin Presbyterian
December 23	Closed for Christmas Holiday
December 30	Closed for New Year's Holiday

Next Meeting
Tuesday December 5
Warner Baptist Church
3613 Lacy Boulevard
Falls Church, VA 22041 -Baileys Crossroads
7:30 Fellowship/7:45 Meeting



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

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CHALLENGE GRANT CONTINUES THROUGH JANUARY

The Washington Forrest Foundation has offered a challenge grant of \$15,000 to the Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA), and an anonymous donor has offered a \$5,000 grant. The Challenge Grant campaign will continue until January 31, 2007. ACCA has set a goal of raising \$80,000 in donations to add to the \$20,000 in challenge grant offers, so ACCA can sustain the level of services now being requested. The Washington Forrest Foundation funds local non-profit organizations which respond effectively to community needs. To donate, please send checks payable to ACCA and marked "Challenge Grant" to ACCA, Inc., 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003, or give checks to your church Official Representative, who will pass them to ACCA.

CHILD CARE SUPPORT FUNDED FOR YEAR

Governor Kaine announced on November 9 that he has identified nearly \$4 million in state funds to assist local governments facing cuts in the Child Care Subsidy Program this fiscal year. The program helps low-income, working parents pay for child care. Local governments must provide a 50 percent match, and the funding will cover only families currently receiving assistance. The financial support for day care is important to low-income families with children in the child development centers like the ACCA Child Development Center.

HOST CHURCH

The Rev. Linda Wofford Hawkins welcomed the ACCA Board to St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church for the November meeting. She spoke of the importance of ACCA's work in serving our community. She recalled that over five years earlier, she had welcomed the ACCA board to St. Barnabas on her first day as rector of St. Barnabas.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

ACCA Child Development Center Director Dr. Judith Falkenrath reported that the center was honored for its work with Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning through the Arts.



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It's an ACCA tradition to remember the children at the ACCA Child Development Center by providing small items to the centers. For children at the preschool center, gifts of matchbox cars, hats, mittens, or underwear in sizes 4-8 are always welcome. For the infant and toddler center, bibs, training pants (sizes 2-4) and alcohol-free baby wipes are always needed. Groups may want to sponsor one of the classrooms and provide a toy and/or clothing for each child. To sponsor a class or for more information, please contact Teresa at 703-256-0100.

Many families whose children are enrolled in the Center have very tight budgets. They would greatly appreciate food gift cards for Christmas. If you want to participate in this Holiday Program, please send or drop off food gift certificates or checks to ACCA. Checks should be payable to ACCA and designated CDC Holiday Program.

CROP WALK AND POSTER CONTEST

On October 21, volunteers and walkers gathered at Lake Accotink Park for the Annandale CROP Walk. Fairfax County Board Chair Gerry Connolly and Supervisors Penny Gross and Sharon Bulova joined us at the opening ceremony to wish the walkers well. ACCA appreciates all our walkers, volunteers and donors. The CROP Walk raises funds for Church World Service's hunger and disaster relief and development projects, and ACCA receives 25% of total funds raised for our food pantry.

Congratulations to all the children who made CROP Walk Posters, and especially to those who made winning posters. In the 10 and up age group, the winning posters were made by Sara Gutema of Peace Lutheran, 1st Place; Taralyn Helm of the Latter Day Saints Annandale Ward, 2nd place; Megan Manley of Ravensworth Baptist, 3rd place; and Kinsey Moser and Alyson Estes of St. Barnabas, 4th place. The poster by Connor Hernandez of Peace Lutheran received honorable mention. In the 9 and under age group, Emily Pope of Ravensworth Baptist made the first place poster; and Amanda Masters and Delaney Ivins of St. Barnabas, 2nd place; and Katie Slacin of St. Alban's, 3rd place.

HOLIDAY BASKETS

ACCA will be part of the Holiday Adopt-a Family program in a different way this year. ACCA is not participating directly, but Mary Lee DiSpirito (703/256-9513) has offered to connect people who would like to adopt a family at Christmas with another community based organization trying to match families and sponsors. In past years, ACCA has directly connected donors with families who need help.

REBUILDING TOGETHER

ACCA has participated in the Rebuilding Together program since 1990, when it was known as Christmas in April. Through 2006, ACCA volunteers have repaired 97 homes and raised over \$148,000. The program is part of a nation-wide effort. The 2007 Rebuilding Together workday will be Saturday, April 28. Churches that plan to sponsor or co-sponsor a house are asked to advise ACCA Housing Liaison Marie Monsen of their interest soon. Volunteers can sign up through their churches or can contact Marie.

PROPOSED OFFICERS FOR 2007

The nominating committee announced the slate of candidates for 2007, continuing 2006 officers for one more year. The proposed officers are: President, Nancy Hall of Ravensworth Baptist; Vice President, Norman Hicks of St. Anthony Catholic; Treasurer, Hank Schlenker of Providence Presbyterian; Recording Secretary, Pat Donahue, Our Lady of Good Counsel; and Corresponding Secretary, Sue Meekins of Annandale United Methodist. Stella Godbolt of Mt. Pleasant Baptist would serve in a new position of Assistant Corresponding Secretary. ACCA will act on the slate at the December meeting.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Communications - ACCA needs a new webmaster. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Janet Woods at jcwoods@peoplepc.com.

Family Emergency - ACCA provides emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, medicine and other urgent needs. In October, ACCA assisted 36 households and gave assistance totaling \$13,896. A new volunteer has stepped forward to help with Spanish translations for the Family Emergency, Food Pantry and Furniture committees.

Food Pantry - The committee is happy to have two new food captains who volunteered to take calls for assistance and find delivery volunteers. The Boy Scout "Scouting for Food" drive was held November 11.

Furniture- During October, furniture warehouse volunteers completed 58 deliveries and pickups. The J.C. Penney store at Springfield Mall donated 15 mattresses and box springs. The warehouse especially needs dining or kitchen tables and chairs, chests of drawers and sofas. The furniture ministry helped a recently-arrived family from Puerto Rico with furniture and household items.

Meals on Wheels - ACCA volunteers delivered 578 meals in September, and in 608 in October, averaging about 29 per day.

Transportation - Volunteer drivers provided 23 rides for 19 people in October.