

**Meals-on-Wheels-** In September, volunteers delivered an average of 24 meals a day on weekdays. There are now three routes. The number of new clients is somewhat smaller. The Meals-on-Wheels program is grateful to United Baptist Church for providing space for driver pickup of the food. We also appreciate the service Fairfax County Fastran provides by transporting the food from the Hermitage to United Baptist.

**Transportation** – In September, 23 rides were provided for 19 clients.

## FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 20	Ravensworth Baptist/Annandale United Methodist
October 27	CLOSED FOR ANNANDALE PARADE
November 3	St. Alban's Episcopal/Queen of Apostles Catholic
November 10	Providence Presbyterian/John Calvin Presbyterian
November 17	St. Michael Catholic/Immanuel United Methodist
November 24	CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
December 1	Annandale Latter Day Saints/Friendship United Methodist

### NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, November 6**  
**St. Michael's Catholic Church**  
**1 St. Michael's Lane (off Ravensworth Road)**  
**Annandale**  
**7:30 PM Fellowship/7:45 PM Meeting**

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# NEWS

October 2007

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

## ACCA RECEIVES CHALLENGE GRANT COMMITMENTS

The Washington Forrest Foundation approved a sixth challenge grant for the Annandale Christian Community for Action to help the needy in our community. The grant is \$17,500, an increase of \$2,500 over the Foundation's grant to ACCA last year. Two additional grants from anonymous donors will bring the total challenge grant to \$25,000. The Washington Forrest Foundation was begun in 1968 by Benjamin Smith, an Arlington realtor and developer. It funds local non-profit organizations which respond to community needs. The challenge period is October through the end of January 2008.

ACCA invites donations from individuals, churches, businesses, and organizations. The funds raised will help ACCA continue our mission to help the poor in our community. 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.

## ACCA CELEBRATES FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Queen of Apostles Catholic Church hosted our celebration of forty years of "doing what Jesus would do." Participants praised work by volunteers, clergy, church members, donors and Child Development Center staff to serve our community. We thank all who planned and participated in the celebration. We are especially grateful to our hosts and to Queen of Apostles members who provided the refreshments, led by Anne and Jim Kemble. We appreciate the flowers donated by Annandale Florist and The Flower Den.

The October 2 celebration included proclamations, music, remembrances and prayers. Emily Ruffing was honored for her many years of dedicated service to ACCA and for the vision that Emily and her late husband Fred Ruffing pursued to make ACCA a reality. Organist Don Cotton and choir director Angel Shepherd led the hymns and anthem music, and Kathy Fredgren gave a moving interpretation of Matthew 25 scripture. Congressman Tom Davis presented his statement honoring ACCA. Supervisor Penny Gross read a proclamation from the Fairfax County



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Board of Supervisors, and Delegate Vivian Watts read a proclamation from Virginia Legislators. Former Child Development Center director Mixie Houk presented highlights of ACCA's history and celebrated the work of Emily and Fred Ruffing. Father Vander Woude, the Reverend Mary Boyd Click, and the Reverend Dwight Cokely led us in prayer and scripture readings. A Fred Ruffing Scholarship recipient and a member of a family who had been helped thanked ACCA.

Current and past ACCA volunteers attended, including food deliverers for Meals-on-Wheels and the Food Pantry, CROP Walk participants, furniture crews, emergency telephone captains, and Child Development Center helpers and past presidents.

We thank president Nancy Hall and the members of the committee—Marie Monsen, George and Betty Jane Davis, Anne Marie and Norman Hicks, Emily Ruffing and Judy Falkenrath—for planning this wonderful celebration of our work in the community.

### **ANNANDALE CROP WALK TO BE OCTOBER 20, 8 AM**

The CROP Walk will be at Lake Accotink Park. It raises funds for Church World Service programs that help fight hunger and poverty around the world. CWS gives a share of the funds raised to ACCA. For more information or to make a donation, please call Camille at 703 573-0074 or email her at [kmittelholtz1@cox.net](mailto:kmittelholtz1@cox.net).

### **NEW NUMBERS FOR WORKPLACE GIVING**

Please consider a donation to ACCA when deciding about your workplace giving campaign contributions. These donations are an important part of the support that allows ACCA to continue to help our neediest neighbors. To designate ACCA through the United Way of the National Capital Area campaign, please use agency code #8058. To designate ACCA through the Combined Federal Campaign, please use the new 2007 agency code # 58934.

### **NEWS FROM THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

The children settled into a happy routine within a couple of weeks of school opening. Fifteen children receive special services in the public school for 3 hours a day or more and many others are being helped at the center. The Fire Department presented Fire Safety puppet shows to all the three and four year olds. They loved it! We are proud that three 4-year-old classrooms been selected for the pilot of Gov. Kaine's Start Strong Program, and hope to show that quality early childhood education benefits children's readiness for school. Back-To-School Night for the Preschool Center will be October 25<sup>th</sup>. The CDC will represent ACCA in the Annandale Parade on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Report and Service Brochure.** ACCA's Annual Report for FY 2007 has been completed and copies are available. We thank Mary Anne Lecos for coordinating and editing the report. A new ACCA brochure will be available soon.

**2008 Officers.** Mary Ann Lecos is heading the nominating committee for ACCA 2008 officers. We are especially seeking a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer. The treasurer manages the checkbooks, compiles the reports of income and spending and draft budgets, and is part of the Finance Committee. We also need an Assistant Treasurer/ bookkeeper.

### **NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEES**

**Family Emergency -** ACCA helped 50 households in September with emergency assistance that totaled \$21,855. Assistance needs continue to be strong. ACCA helped a woman caring for disabled grandchildren pay for utilities, gave rent assistance to a veteran and a single mother, purchased medicine for a woman with serious dental problems and helped several people move into transitional housing, among others.

**Food Pantry –** Volunteers made 44 deliveries of food from the pantry in September, assisting 134 individuals. We thank the Annandale Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, for making a major donation of food. Even with this and donations by many other churches this summer, the pantry is low on soups, canned fruit, canned vegetables (especially tomatoes and green beans) and canned meats and tuna fish.

**Furniture -** Forty-two ACCA furniture volunteers completed a total of 70 pickup and delivery actions during the month of September. ACCA received a donation of six new tables and 41 new chairs from a closing business. We thank Table and Chairs for the donation and the Fairfax County Coordinated Services Planning staff for alerting ACCA. ACCA needs mattresses and box springs for single, double and queen size beds (no king size). Bed linens are welcomed and chests of drawers are needed. To donate, please call Don or Mary Lee Di Spirito, at 703-256-9513 or email [DDMD@erols.com](mailto:DDMD@erols.com)

**Grants-** Please see page 1 for news of the challenge grant campaign, which will continue through January. ACCA submitted a grant proposal for \$2,000 to Catholic Charities from the Rice Bowl Lenten Collections. ACCA applied to the Northern Virginia Community Foundation for Child Development Center Special Services (\$7500 grant).

**Holiday Baskets-** ACCA is not formally participating in the County's Adopt-a-Family program for Thanksgiving and Christmas. However, for donors who wish to adopt a family for either holiday, families will be identified and assigned to donors. For information or to learn more about a family needing help during the holidays, contact Mary Lee Di Spirito at 703/256-9513. A family will be provided for adoption.