

Jazz in June Fundraiser for Falls Church Community Service Council on June 5. Reservations are being accepted for an evening of jazz by Ericka Odette and Stolen Moments while enjoying mini-entrees, wines and desserts offered by area restaurants. The FCS serves the neediest in the Falls Church community through its emergency needs fund and food pantry. See booking details can at www.jazzinJune2010.eventbrite.com or contact Robin Fetsch at robin@fetsch.com or 703-919-9461.

FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 15	Providence Presbyterian/John Calvin Presbyterian
May 22	St. Michael/Immanuel Methodist
May 29	CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
June 5	St. Barnabas/Cornerstone Evangelical
June 12	Latter Day Saints/Friendship Methodist
June 19	Peace Lutheran/St. Anthony
June 26	Providence Presbyterian/John Calvin Presbyterian

NEXT BOARD MEETING

June 1

John Calvin Presbyterian Church

6531 Columbia Pike, Annandale

7:30 PM Fellowship/7:45 PM Meeting

ACCA's Website: www.accacares.org

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Fairfax County Human Services at 703 222-0880



NEWS

ANNANDALE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY FOR ACTION
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CHALLENGE GRANT FUND RAISER SUCCESSFUL

ACCA's challenge grant campaign raised \$144,014, including the challenge grants of \$17,500 from the Washington Forrest Foundation and \$7,500 from anonymous donors. This is an increase of 20% over last year, thanks to the efforts of Board members and the grant committee, as well as ACCA's inclusion in the Catalogue for Philanthropy (CFP). We are grateful to all the churches, organizations and individuals who made donations.

REBUILDING TOGETHER 2010 ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EFFORT

About 80 volunteers worked together to transform two houses in our community April 24 as part of the national Rebuilding Together program. At one house in Falls Church, 34 volunteers from John Calvin, Providence, Ravensworth, and Queen of Apostles churches worked under the leadership of Jim Stewart and Brad Moffett. The team renovated a bathroom, rebuilt a porch eave, painted and repaired the kitchen, repaired fencing, and removed a large tree stump. The ladies of Queen of Apostles, led by Ann Kemball, provided wonderful lunches for the workers. At the Springfield house, 46 volunteers from St. Barnabas, Annandale United Methodist, the Annandale Ward LDS, St. Anthony's, St. Michael's and Queen of Apostles churches worked together. The team transformed the yard, rebuilt steps, put in a kitchen floor, and made electrical and other repairs. They were led by Ken Mittelholtz, Frank Spink and John Clarke. The Lincolnia UMC women's group, led by Betty Lee Thatcher, made delicious lunches and homemade cookies. We especially acknowledge our House Captains for their planning and work. We thank Annandale UMC, John Calvin, Providence, Ravensworth Baptist and St. Barnabas churches and several individuals for financial support. ACCA has participated in Rebuilding Together for 21 years, and our volunteers have repaired 107 houses.

ACCA THANKS ROTARY CLUB OF ANNANDALE

Rotarian President Courtney Thelen and Rotarian Jackie Armstrong presented Jean Rackowski with a check for \$500 for the ACCA Food Pantry. We are grateful for this special gift. The Rotary Club of Annandale has supported ACCA since ACCA's establishment. The



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Annandale Rotarians fund gasoline and maintenance of ACCA's furniture delivery trucks, and the Rotoract Club of NVCC provides volunteers. The club sees that Santa Claus visits the Child Development Center with gifts.

ACCA THANKS TRANSURBAN-FLUOR

We appreciate the generous grants from the Transurban-Fluor Community Grant Program. Transurban-Fluor is developing the I-495 HOT Lane project. ACCA received \$2500 for the Child Development Center and \$2500 for the Furniture Ministry.

JUDITH FALKENRATH HONORED

In March, the ACCA Board and friends celebrated the service of Dr. Judith Falkenrath as director of the ACCA Child Development Center. Dr. Falkenrath retired from her position earlier this year. ACCA presented her with several mementos. Congressman Gerry Connelly's office presented a copy of the Congressman's resolution recognizing Dr. Falkenrath for her distinguished service to ACCA and her years of dedicated service to the well-being and educational development of children in Northern Virginia.

MARGARET LOWERY HONORED

In April, we honored Margaret Lowery, who administered both family emergency assistance and the Pantry in ACCA's early years and is retiring from managing the Federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program and ARRA Recovery funds. We are grateful for Margaret's dedicated volunteer service to ACCA over many years. We are seeking a replacement.

NEWS FROM THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The children haven been busy with gardening, soccer and other outdoor activities. The teachers have received training in several areas. The Virginia Preschool Initiative is funding purchase of supplies and equipment for the classroom in the program, and more teacher training is planned. A nutrition program called "Al's Pals: Making healthy Choices" will begin soon. ExxonMobil is sponsoring an intern who will work in late May and June at the CDC. February was a challenging month because of the snowstorms.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Family Emergency- ACCA provided assistance to many households in recent months who needed help because of lost jobs, injuries, medical issues and other challenges. Grants for rent, utilities, and medicine totaled \$21,222 in January and helped 48 families or individuals; grants of \$19,706 in February helped 39 households; grants of \$26,700 in March helped 56 households; and in April, grants of \$18,616 helped 42 households.

Food Pantry- Pantry volunteers made 60 deliveries in January to 192 individuals, 54 deliveries to 159 individuals, 57 deliveries in March to 213 individuals, and 55 deliveries to 187 individuals. ACCA volunteers delivered food in the snow to families who would otherwise have had nothing to eat. The pantry was closed for a week following the storms, and CDC director Isabel Ballivian worked to prevent collapse of the pantry roof. We thank all those who braved the elements to help others in this special time of need. Thanks to the Lions Club for fruit donations and to Ravensworth Curves and St. Barnabas/Holy Cross Korean youth groups for collecting food. The pantry continues to need donations of dried black/red beans, bags of rice, paper products and bars of soap.

Furniture- In January, volunteers made 36 deliveries to needy households and 31 pickups of donated furniture. One of the January operations was conducted in the midst of a snowstorm, with Cornerstone Evangelical and St. Barnabas churches on duty. The blizzard of 2010 severely curtailed our furniture operation, but on 2 days crews made 13 deliveries and 9 pickups. In March, volunteers completed 39 deliveries and 35 pickups. Weather was again a challenge on March 13, when operations were completed in the midst of a drenching rain storm. Furniture crews were blessed with better weather in April, when crews completed 30 deliveries and 25 pickups.

Grants- ACCA received a grant of \$2500 from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. The Northern Virginia Community Foundation awarded the Child Development Center \$7,500 for its Special Assistance Fund. The grants committee submitted an application to Fairfax County to use part of the Recovery Act TANF funds for ACCA Family Emergency assistance.

Meals-on-Wheels - Volunteers made 357 deliveries of lunch and supper in January. In February, operations were limited, but over 10 days, 259 deliveries were made. Staple food was provided before the storms, and volunteers kept in touch with the clients by phone. In March, drivers delivered 425 deliveries of a total of 850 meals. In April, volunteers delivered 738 meals (369 deliveries) over 21 days.

CROP Walk – The 2009 CROP Walk raised \$21,469, plus a \$500 matching grant. This is a record amount for the Annandale walk! The 2010 walk is planned for October 16.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Shelter. The Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter thanked ACCA for its support of the hypothermia program. Culmore UMC, Lincolnia UMC, Mount Pleasant Baptist, and St Albans' and St. Barnabas' Episcopal churches hosted the program this year. Groups from a number of other ACCA churches provided meals.

Outerwear. Several ACCA churches helped to coordinate a program to gather and distribute men's outerwear to day laborers in Annandale and in Culmore.