

ACCA

**Annandale Christian
Community for Action**

A coalition of churches serving those in need



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with your support*

ACCA, Inc. FY2022 Annual Report

ACCA is an alliance of 27 churches in the Annandale community and adjacent areas. Each church appoints an Official Representative (OR) who serves as a member of the ACCA Board of Directors.

ACCA Member Churches

Annandale United Methodist Church
Braddock Baptist Church
Calvary Church of the Nazarene
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
(Annandale Ward)
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
(Little River Ward)
Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church
Culmore United Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church, Annandale
Friendship United Methodist Church
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Hope Lutheran Church
John Calvin Presbyterian Church
Lincolnia United Methodist Church
Little River United Church of Christ
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
Peace Lutheran Church
Providence Presbyterian Church
Queen of Apostles Catholic Church
Ravensworth Baptist Church
Sleepy Hollow United Methodist Church
St. Alban's Episcopal Church
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church
St. Michael's Catholic Church
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
United Baptist Church
Warner Baptist Church

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Our Accomplishments

In its 55th year, we continued to provide high quality childcare and served as a principal source of emergency assistance, including food, furniture, and financial support, for our vulnerable neighbors.

With the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, we continued to focus our operations to meet the increasing needs of the community while following guidance from local public health agencies. ACCA continued to help individuals and families with money for rent, utilities, food, and other essentials.

The ACCA Child Development Center (CDC) program served more than 260 infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school-agers, and their families by meeting or surpassing NAEYC standards and consistently providing healthy learning environments and high-quality early childhood programming.

The CDC also provided special needs services to 45 students and special needs referrals to 20 students. Hearing, vision, and developmental screenings are provided to all infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

The CDC staff continues to strive to provide high-quality care to the children and have completed 1800 hours of professional development this year. Many of our teachers have their Child Development Associate credentials, associates, bachelors, and master's degrees.

The CDC and its leader, Maria Isabel Ballivian, continued to advocate for the value and importance of early childhood education. Ms. Ballivian testified at the U.S. Senate, spoke in a press briefing organized by the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and participated, together with Virginia's First Lady, in a radio interview about expanded eligibility guidelines for subsidized child care in the Commonwealth.

The Family Emergency Assistance Program (FEAP) ministry assists low income individuals and families facing financial crises, including some of the most vulnerable among us: families with young children, the elderly on fixed incomes, victims of domestic violence, individuals with permanent physical and mental challenges, and veterans of military service.

In FY2022 during the second year and part of the third year of the pandemic, our Family Emergency team provided direct financial assistance to 348 households totaling 989 individuals (family members) for rent or security deposits, utilities, prescription drugs, medical or dental needs, and miscellaneous purposes.

ACCA's nutrition/hygiene ministry provides nutritious food and other essentials to families and individuals in need in our community. 941 families comprising a total of 2,802 individuals were assisted with a 7 to 10-day food supply. Food donations totaling 75,377 lbs. were received from numerous individuals, businesses, churches, and community organizations throughout the year.

The Furniture Ministry team delivered 505 items to 195 persons in 61 needy households. This work was accomplished by 75 volunteers on 10 teams. Through partnerships and sharing of resources with other community partners, we can help our neighbors to provide a safe and comfortable home for their families.

The combined Shepherd's Center of Annandale Springfield/ACCA Transportation provided 628 round-trip rides – with 38 volunteer drivers. Of these rides, 23 were provided to former ACCA clients. Unfortunately, 75 ride requests were unfilled due to our shortage of drivers.

The Housing Ministry worked with Rebuilding Together on the annual workday in April, with the help of 8 churches and 40 volunteers. They repaired and upgraded two homes for senior homeowners on fixed incomes in Annandale on the workday in April of 2022,

The Annandale CROP Hunger Walk in October 2021 raised a total of \$17,665 in donations for Church World Service (CWS), and CWS returned a total of \$4,416.15 to ACCA for our local programs.

Ruffing Scholarships of \$4,000 per year for college education were provided to four local students with disabilities.

We continued to participate in Fairfax County initiatives such as prevention of hypothermia, ending homelessness, emergency preparedness and encouraging interfaith dialogue.

We continued our Neighbor to Neighbor program in partnership with the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service along with our churches this year. Through financial and volunteer support, ACCA assisted refugee children with their schoolwork and helped their parents with their English language skills.

We continue to work with Just Neighbors to support their operations in the Annandale/Bailey's Crossroads area. Just Neighbors provides legal services to low-income immigrants who reside in the ACCA service area.

We were fortunate to receive generous donations from the community including numerous individuals, businesses, churches and community organizations. We have had an increase in donations from the Boy Scouts, Rotary, Knights of Columbus, churches, Stuff the Bus, Fairfax County Police Department and many individuals to help meet the increased food needs.

The Development team worked with member churches, individuals, and community benefactors, as well as county, state, and federal programs to ensure that ACCA has the resources to continue to meet emergency needs and to provide quality early childhood education in our community.

The Communications team worked to raise awareness of ACCA's work, engage current and new supporters, and build community. Communications platforms included 13 issues of the email newsletter which was sent to 1041 subscribers. Our social media presence on Facebook included photographs as well as recognition of partners and supporters. Complete information on all of ACCA's programs are available on our website at <https://accacares.org>.

Our work was made possible by about 200 repeat volunteers and many one-time volunteers in addition to the staff of the Child Development Center.

From the President

Sue Mairena, president@accacares.org

ACCA in 2022 has continued to operate in the new-post COVID environment. The need for our services among the neediest in our community continues despite the reduction in COVID cases.

Over the past three years, ACCA has administered \$6.65 million in assistance to families with money for rent, utilities, food, and other essentials (all in addition to ACCA's regular programming budget). Truly an amount we never imagined would be needed or that we would be able to provide, and this has been accomplished totally by our wonderful VOLUNTEERS!!

For the third year in a row, our Board and ACCA representatives have been meeting virtually. ACCA has once again been stretched this year. Yet, our members continue to be more resilient than imaginable. Not only have our members shown a resolve that is unprecedented, our donors and friends at Fairfax County have as well.

2022 marks 55 amazing years since ACCA was established. Beginning in 1967, as a provider of early childcare, ACCA has evolved to become a key provider of an array of human services for the central Fairfax County area and we are so proud that we have been able to withstand the devastation that COVID-19 has wreaked upon the world.

ACCA is very grateful for the generous support from many private donors and granting organizations, including the Fairfax County Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP). Without this support and our incredible volunteers, ACCA would not have been able to touch as many lives as we did throughout the pandemic.

In the reports to follow you will hear from our program committee chairs on their specific accomplishments, which are many and far reaching. Their reports form a wonderful story of giving that began in 1967 and continues to gain strength every year.

What their reports do not reflect is how this amazing group of people were able to manage the incredible strains it put on their time and their lives. And they never faltered!! It's been a privilege serving on the ACCA Board of Directors for the past 7 years and this past year as President. I've got to know some truly wonderful and dedicated individuals!!

Our organization remains committed to the challenge of Jesus, as described in Matthew 25:40: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

As we look into the future and the changing landscape ACCA is poised to continue its wonderful work helping our neighbors in need. If you are looking for a place to utilize your time and talents, then please consider ACCA!.

For more information on how to get involved contact volunteers@accacares.org or visit our website <https://accacares.org>.

About ACCA

Our mission: *Doing what Jesus would do by serving our neighbors in need.*

“Whatsoever you do for the least of my people, that you do unto me.” - (Matthew 25:40)



The Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) is a voluntary organization of 27 member churches whose purpose is to unite Christians to promote and sponsor Christian charitable social services. ACCA, Inc. includes two entities, the ACCA Human Service Ministries and the ACCA Child Development Center (CDC). ACCA, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

ACCA provides a range of services for the needy in the Annandale, Lincolnia, Bailey’s Crossroads and Culmore areas of Fairfax County through collaboration with Fairfax County Coordinated Services Planning and other human service agencies. The boundaries served by ACCA can be seen on the map on page 19.

ACCA’s core ministries are developmental childcare provided by the CDC and family emergency assistance, emergency food and hygiene products, pick-up and delivery of furniture for needy families, and transportation to medical appointments, which are provided by the Human Service Ministries. ACCA also supports Rebuilding Together (housing rehabilitation), the Annandale CROP Hunger Walk, Neighbor to Neighbor, and scholarships for students with disabilities.

Volunteers perform all services provided by the Human Services Ministries. ACCA’s committee chairs and coordinators are responsible for program operation, volunteer training, financial management, recordkeeping, and accountability, fundraising and communications with the public. ACCA, Inc. is governed by a Board consisting of officers, the CDC Board chair, committee chairs and Official Representatives (ORs) from the 27 member churches. The ORs serve as ACCA liaisons to pastors, a communications network, and volunteer recruiters.

ACCA Human Services Ministries is funded by contributions from its member churches, individuals, businesses, and organizations. ACCA also receives grants from Fairfax County and other sources, and in-kind contributions, including facilities and maintenance, storage space, furnishings, and groceries from various community partners.

The CDC has a separate operating budget and Board of Directors, whose authority and responsibilities are laid out in the bylaws of ACCA, Inc. The CDC board chair is a member of the ACCA board of directors and the ACCA board appoints the CDC board members. ACCA, Inc. approves the annual budget and receives regular financial reports from the CDC. The CDC receives its funding through tuition, tuition subsidies, grants, and donations, as well as support from ACCA, Inc. In addition, the CDC receives in-kind support, including especially support from Fairfax County for facilities, maintenance, and special education.

ACCA Non-Discrimination Policy



ACCA, Inc., (Annandale Christian Community for Action) recruits and utilizes volunteers and employees and provides services to persons in need regardless of race, color, gender, sexual identity, religion, age, physical or mental disability, veteran status, national or ethnic origin, or other criteria protected by federal or state law.

ACCA, Inc., is an equal opportunity employer. ACCA, Inc., will not discriminate against any person in employment, recruitment, advertisements for employment or volunteers, compensation, termination, promotions, or other conditions of employment or otherwise against any employee, job applicant, or volunteer on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual identity, religion, age, physical or mental disability, veteran status, national or ethnic origin, or other criteria protected by law.

Harassment or intimidation of a client, employee, volunteer or guest because of that person's race, color, gender, sexual identity, religion, age, physical or mental disability, veteran status, national or ethnic origin, or other criteria protected by federal or state law is specifically prohibited and may be grounds for termination. Harassment and intimidation include abusive, foul, or threatening language or behavior.

Issues of discrimination, harassment, or intimidation on any of these bases should immediately be reported to a supervisor or to a member of the board of ACCA, Inc., or the ACCA Child Development Center. The person who receives the report must immediately advise the President or Vice President of ACCA, Inc., as appropriate. The President or designee will investigate and bring resolution to the discrimination charge.

(This policy was adopted by the ACCA Board of Directors on November 5, 2013. It updates the policy adopted by the Board on March 4, 2008.)

Child Development Center

Simon Workman, ACCA Child Development Center Board Chair, simonworkman@gmail.com

Mission: To provide affordable, high-quality, early education and developmentally appropriate care for children ages 3 months to 5 years in a safe, healthy, and diverse environment.

In FY 2022, the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic, the program effectively met the child care needs of Northern Virginia parents from diverse economic and ethnic backgrounds.



Highlights:

Children

- 260 infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school-agers enrolled
- 45 students required special needs services
- 20 students required special needs consulting/referral
- 92 hours of support provided for special needs planning
- Hearing, vision, development screenings provided to all infants, toddlers, and preschoolers

Quality Indicators

- National Association for the Education of Young Children certification
- Virginia Quality initiative assessment - Level Four

Our Staff

- Completed 1800 hours of professional development
- Received 65 hours of support for infant/toddler classrooms
- 14 teachers renewed their Child Development Associate (CDA) credentials; 6 teachers obtained their CDA certificates
- 2 teachers received their Associate's in Early Childhood Education
- 13 teachers are pursuing college degrees
- 10 teachers were recertified in Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) observations; 1 teacher received the CLASS certification
- 14 teachers achieved Master's of Arts in Teaching (MAT) recertification; 8 teachers completed MAT certifications

Building Improvements

- Classrooms
- Playgrounds
- Offices

Finances

- 83% of families are eligible for subsidy (annual income < \$35,000)
- Scholarships provided \$45,991
- Sibling rebates \$10,157
- Staff discounts \$58,611

Advocacy

The program advocated at the local, state, and national levels for policies and funding that recognize the meaningful societal benefits of investing in high-quality early learning built upon educators who are trained, skilled, supported, and compensated for the complex and demanding work they perform. Locations included:

- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House of Representatives,
- First Lady of Virginia interview

Finally, the program received invaluable support from the organizational partners listed on page 18.

In FY 2022, the CDC had revenues of \$4,943,837. Revenue sources included:

- 61% from government tuition subsidies
- 17% from grants
- 11% from in-kind support
- 9% from parent tuition payments
- 1% from ACCA, Inc.
- 1 % from other sources

Last fiscal cycle, the CDC's expenditures of \$4,603,209 were allocated as follows:

- 69% for personnel costs
- 11% for in-kind expenses
- 8% for food service and supplies
- 1% for professional fees and insurance
- 2% for Virginia Preschool Initiative
- 2% for depreciation
- 7% for other expenses

Family Emergency Assistance

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The Family Emergency Assistance Program (FEAP) ministry assists low income individuals and families facing financial crises, including some of the most vulnerable among us: families with young children, the elderly on fixed incomes, victims of domestic violence, individuals with permanent physical and mental challenges, and veterans of military service.

Highlights

Financial assistance provided:

- 348 households
- 989 individuals
- \$481,376 in direct financial assistance (average \$1,383 per household)
- ACCA was able to provide up to 2 months rent in some cases

Factors in 2022

- Continuing pandemic caused continuing financial crises
- Shortage of affordable housing
- Unemployment, reduced work hours, injury, illness
- Eviction threats

Our Team

The amount of assistance provided per request is based on ACCA guidelines taking into account household size and the purpose of the aid. Exceptions are made in emergencies, e.g., to prevent an impending eviction or utility shut-off or to secure essential medications. If the need is too great, ACCA pledges a share of the total need and Fairfax County CSP specialists seek the remainder from other sources. After considering the facts of each case, the money captain determines the client's eligibility and then sends an electronic request to the ACCA Treasurer who then issues a check directly to the provider of goods and services.

- All volunteers
- 4 Administrative staff
- 2 Information Technology Specialists
- 12 money captains

Expenditures

- \$431,937 for rent and security deposits
- \$44,093 for utility bills (electricity, gas, water)
- \$3,896 for prescription drugs, dental care, and other medical needs
- \$1,450 for miscellaneous expenses, such as, gasoline, heating oil or car repairs

Grants

- CARES 2.0 Gap grant funds of \$262,200 were distributed to 127 households for mortgages, rent and utilities.
- ERA grant funds assistance provided 317 households with \$2,458,762 rent and utility assistance.
- \$49,979 from the Fairfax County Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP).

IMPACT

A few of the clients we've helped this year include:

- A client whose home was in active foreclosure. He had worked for a ride-sharing service but his kidney disease prevented him from driving. In addition, his prescriptions were expensive and he last paid his electric bill in 2019. ACCA assisted with \$1,890 to pay his electric bill.
- A disabled client living on a fixed income in subsidized housing needed to purchase new eyeglasses. ACCA assisted with one month's rent of \$288.
- A client's insurance did not cover all her medication costs and the insurance company extended her payment deadline. The insurance company then required past due payments of \$923 before she could purchase any further medications. Client is on a fixed income and Social Security Disability Insurance. ACCA assisted with about a year's worth of medications costs and copays.
- A single mother with 2 small children was having trouble making ends meet due to decreased work days even with the child tax credits. ACCA assisted with one month's rent and another community-based organization assisted with fees.

Nutrition/Hygiene Ministry

Chris Solem, Interim Food/Nutrition Chair



ACCA's nutrition/hygiene ministry provides nutritious food and other essentials to families and individuals in need in our community. The pantry made 941 deliveries assisting 2802 individuals. The pantry supplied fresh vegetables, refrigerated and frozen foods, canned and boxed foods. We also supplied families with toilet paper, toiletries, diapers, laundry soap etc.

Referrals come from CSP social workers, schools, churches, and other organizations and concerned neighbors.

Food donations totaling 75,377 lbs. were received from numerous individuals, businesses, churches, and community organizations throughout the year.

Monetary donations from individuals, churches, and a county grant were used to buy necessary items not donated in sufficient quantities such as refrigerated or frozen items.

IMPACT

We received this lovely message from one of our clients last summer:

"My food donation just came in and I'm sitting on my couch sobbing with gratitude. I cannot thank all of you enough for this kind gesture. The volunteers, the organization, everybody!

I've been trying to navigate my way to support five kids, 7, 11, 12, 13 and now an 18 year old while my sister is recovering. It truly takes a village to raise a child and because of earth angels such as yourselves, you make me look like a super hero! So God bless every single one of you, I am so grateful and I pray that one day we can pay it forward. You all are amazing, thank you, thank you, thank you!"

CROP Hunger Walk

Camille Mittelholtz, CROP Hunger Walk Coordinator, kcmittelholtz@gmail.com



The 2021 CROP Hunger Walk took place on October 16 at Lake Accotink Park. There were about 35 people who joined us for the in-person sendoff and seven walkers participated at other times. John Calvin Presbyterian, Peace Lutheran, St. Barnabas' Episcopal and United Baptist churches participated. Church World Service shares part of the funds raised by CROP Hunger Walks with local hunger and poverty-fighting organizations like ACCA, and we will receive part of the funds from this fall's walk next year. The 2021 Annandale CROP Hunger Walk raised a total of \$17,665 in donations for Church World Service (CWS), and CWS returned a total of \$4,416.15 to ACCA for our local programs.

Furniture Ministry

Don and Mary Lee Di Spirito, Chair and Vice Chair, ddmld@verizon.net

The ACCA Furniture Ministry has been making an immediate impact on the quality of the home lives of clients it served for many years. Volunteers worked on a rotating twice monthly schedule of pickups of furniture from generous neighbors in the community and deliveries to families referred for service by Fairfax Coordinated Service Planning. Many donors delivered their donations to the Furniture Staging area provided by Annandale United Methodist Church.

Highlights

- 61 households received furniture (included 195 individuals)
- 505 household furnishings were delivered including:
 - 71 beds
 - 44 dressers
 - 27 dining tables
 - 78 chairs
 - 29 sofas
- 10 volunteer teams picked up and delivered
- 75 individual volunteers
- Continued partnerships with Annandale Rotary Club, Mason District Supervisor's Office, Fairfax County Coordinated Services staff

Impact

Many local families arrive in the area with few possessions and ACCA has always been ready to provide the necessities. The impact of the global pandemic continues to affect many of the clients we serve and some newly arriving Afghan refugees find support from ACCA in helping them start new homes in our service area.

We worked with the Neighbor to Neighbor team to help a family who had recently arrived from Afghanistan with 2 young children. They were not able to bring anything with them and in one day, ACCA helped to get the family settled and the entire apartment furnished.

One Saturday, the volunteers returned from a delivery where they met a grateful 5 year old boy. He was crying as the volunteer team finished their delivery to the small apartment where he lived with his family. When asked about the tears, the little boy let them know they were tears of joy. It turned out that he had never had a bed of his own! The volunteers from ACCA were so grateful to be there to experience the immediate impact of their work.

Housing Repair

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The Housing Ministry working with REBUILDING TOGETHER provides housing repairs and safety upgrades for seniors and other homeowners on fixed incomes in our community.

Highlights

8 churches worked together in April 2022

40 volunteers

Two single family homes were repaired and upgraded as follows:

- installed a handrail
- installed several grab bars and safer electrical outlets
- replaced a broken window
- painted several rooms, windowsills and doors
- deep cleaned a kitchen
- installed a new stove fan and light
- cleaned up fallen limbs and brush
- spread mulch
- replaced six shutters
- improved the drainage downspouts
- repaired a window well

In October 2021 a smaller group worked at a group home where they cleaned up fallen limbs and brush and repaired the fence. Throughout the year, some of our experienced house captains worked on 5 Rebuilding Express projects in ACCA's area.

Impact

One of the homeowners at the Rebuilding Together day in April was thrilled to meet one of our volunteers who, like her, originally came to the US from Peru. His appreciation of the artwork in her home brought tears to her eyes. This homeowner also expressed her appreciation for the creative way the volunteers repaired the area around her hot water heater—a cramped space where the flooring had been flooded. “They weren’t workers” she said “they were artists.”

The Emily and Fred Ruffing Scholarships

Committee Chairs: *Norman Hicks, nhicks1939@gmail.com*

Tom DeOrnellas, tdeornella@aol.com

Since 1979, ACCA has awarded four-year college scholarships to local high school seniors who have overcome disabilities to succeed in school and life. These awards are made as a tribute to Emily and Fred Ruffing, leaders of the group which founded ACCA.

The scholarship program was inspired by the Ruffings’ dedication to assisting persons with disabilities as well as their roles in founding ACCA. It honors students who have overcome special challenges and lends support for achieving their goals. Financial need is a strong consideration, as are the student academic record, extra-curricular activities, and letters of recommendation from teachers assessing the student’s efforts to overcome their disabilities.

The following students are current recipients of the Ruffing Scholarship, worth \$4,000/academic year over a four year period for a total equaling \$16,000.

Rosy Sultano - 4th year at George Mason University

Catherine Soto - 3rd year at Bryn Mawr College

Lila Beth Stern - 2nd year at Virginia Polytechnic Institute

Genesis Chavez-Almendares - 1st year at NOVA Community College - Annandale

Ruffing scholarships are supported by designated individual donations to ACCA, including in recent years a generous annual grant from the Thorson Foundation. These funds are supplemented from the ACCA General Fund, as needed. Scholarship applications are solicited through outreach to Fairfax County schools.

Impact

Genesis Chavez Almendares, a graduate of Justice High School, is ACCA's Ruffing Scholar for 2022. She was on the Honor Roll, active in a feeding program at her church, and a peer tutor for her classmates. Genesis wrote us the following note after being selected for the scholarship:

"I can't thank you enough for the *Ruffing Scholarship*, giving me this big opportunity and selecting me. With my disabilities I've had a difficult time but every day I reminded myself to never let anything ruin my dreams. This scholarship has made a big impact on me to continue achieving my goals, and will take off a lot of financial stress. After high school I look forward to studying at Northern Virginia Community College and focusing in Nursing and Anesthesiology. Much appreciated!"



Transportation

Gail Coleman, Chair, gv.coleman@verizon.net

The ACCA Transportation Ministry joined with the transportation program of the Shepherd's Center of Annandale Springfield (SCAS) in 2016 and since then, the combined program has offered rides to medical appointments for clients 50 years of age or older. SCAS also provides rides on weekends to grocery stores, food banks, and banks. ACCA will provide rides directly for clients under age 50 who are referred to ACCA for rides to medical appointments.

Requests for rides surged in early FY 2021 and continued at a high rate in FY 2022. With increased demand and a reduced pool of volunteers, we were unable to fill many requests this year.

Highlights

- 38 volunteer drivers
- 628 rides (17% increase over FY2021)
- 85 clients (seniors) - many repeat rides as they require a series of physical therapy, dialysis or cancer treatments
- 23 rides to former ACCA clients
- 75 ride requests unfilled
- 5 new riders each month
- Severe driver shortage, new volunteers are needed

The Shepherd's Center continued the friendly caller program that it initiated during the pandemic. Volunteers have called senior citizens to give them friendly, caring words of encouragement. The program was very successful but is needed less now that the pandemic has quieted.

Interested in helping? Contact us at volunteers@accacares.org or the Shepherd's Center at 703-941-1419 or shepherdscas@vacoxmail.

Neighbor to Neighbor-Welcoming New Immigrants

Chair: Nadia Fitzcharles (nadia@sharingpeace.org)

With the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan in August 2021, we welcomed a number of Afghan immigrants and refugees to our area. Many of the families settling here are holders of the Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) which allows them to remain permanently in the U.S., obtain work, and seek citizenship. Others have come as "humanitarian parolees" as they did not have time to obtain the SIV before being evacuated. These families have a more temporary status but may still legally work. The incoming families are referred to a resettlement agency, including Lutheran Social Services, which is the agency with whom we have a collaborative relationship.

Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) is based on a two-generational approach to programming, helping both parents and children. Two Saturdays a month we meet at Peace Lutheran Church, outdoors, indoors, or virtually by Zoom. During these gatherings, volunteers work with families and help with English conversation, tutoring, games for school-aged children, and crafts for preschoolers. Adults bring their laptops to improve computer and job-hunting skills. Others work on their driving skills. We have 12 volunteers who tutor adults in English so that the adults also feel included as valuable members of our community.

Other major components of our program are virtual beginning and intermediate English courses and a conversation class taught by our Afghan consultants.

One of the highlights of our year was the Nowruz (Afghan New Year) celebration held on March 26 with nearly 70 participants. The women wore beautiful traditional Afghan dresses and the men donned equally festive wear. Afghan families provided delicious food, and our volunteers learned about the traditions and customs surrounding the holiday.

Other highlights for FY 2022:

- 15 Saturday gatherings
- 21 families served (unduplicated count)
- 29 volunteers (unduplicated count)
- 15 tutors/mentors
- Virtual English and Conversation classes: 102 English classes; 45 Conversation classes
- Distributed \$2800 in gift cards to newly arriving families
- Distributed furniture and household goods to 5 newly arrived families.
- Provided 31 laptops to newly arriving families

This program receives significant financial support from ACCA, planning team churches, and individual donors, including one volunteer who coordinated the donation of laptops. Volunteers are always needed. Contact volunteers@accacares.org for more information.

Planning Team: Marie Monsen, John Calvin Presbyterian Church; Janet Mackey, Little River United Church of Christ; Nadia Fitzcharles, Peace Lutheran Church, Carol Weber, Ravensworth Baptist Church, and our consultants: Tahera Khavari and Zalmi Attarpour

Impact:

In the fall of 2021, we helped partially furnish 5 apartments with furniture and household items. Volunteers provided trucks and transported these items to the families. One family with 2 young children had absolutely nothing, and in one day, ACCA provided enough items to get them settled and within a few days, the entire apartment was furnished.

Finance

Norman Hicks, Committee Chair, nhicks1939@gmail.com

The Finance Committee provides oversight of ACCA's financial operations, including budget preparation and the annual audit. The Committee met twice in FY 22, each time reviewing the operations and budget performance of the organization, as well as the detailed financial statements of both the Child Development Center (CDC) and Human Services Ministries (HSM) parts of ACCA.

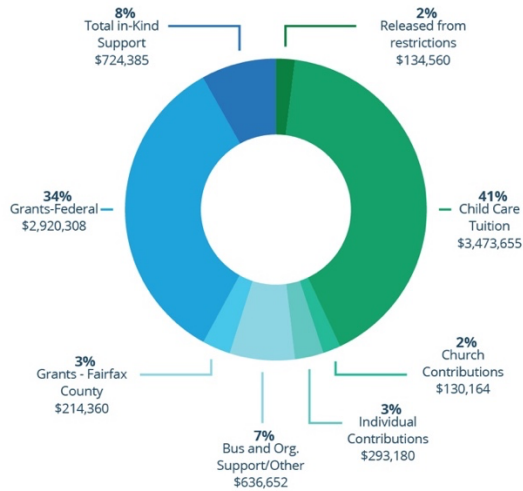
Overall, ACCA continues to have a strong financial position (see tables next page). Total revenue for ACCA, Inc. for the fiscal year 2022 totaled \$ 8.5 million, which includes \$2.8 million of Federal stimulus funds and \$2.6 million of childcare subsidies to the CDC. The Federal stimulus funds enabled ACCA to pay rent and utility bills for low-income residents who were often several months in arrears due the problems of COVID illness and chronic unemployment. ACCA also received \$423,000 in donations from churches and individuals, and \$ 724,000 of in-kind support (donated food, furniture and building use).

The year ended with a small overall surplus of \$310,000, which was used to increase reserves. At the end of June 2022, ACCA Inc. held \$ 2.4 million in cash reserves and had total net assets of \$2.8 million.

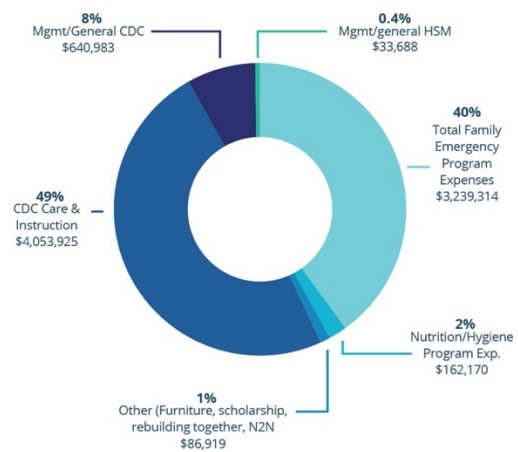
In February 2022, the Committee reviewed the audit for FY 2021. The auditors found no deficiencies in ACCA's accounts. The audit is available to the public at www.accacares.org.

Note: ACCA's fiscal year (FY) runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year.

ACCA FY 2022 REVENUE



ACCA FY 2022 EXPENDITURES



Statement of Financial Position

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Accounts Receivable

Other Current Assets

Total Current Assets

Property at Costs

Net of Accumulation Depreciation

Total Other Assets

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Total Liabilities

Net Assets

Unrestricted-Beginning of Year

Net of Operations

Inter-program transfer

Unrestricted-Board Designated

Temporarily Restricted

Total Net Assets

Total Liabilities and Net Assets

	HSM FY2022	CDC FY2022	ACCA Inc FY2022
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$823,382	\$1,544,486	\$2,367,868
Accounts Receivable	\$0	\$424,139	\$424,139
Other Current Assets	\$29,741	\$30,152	\$59,893
Total Current Assets	\$853,123	\$1,998,777	\$2,851,900
Property at Costs			
Net of Accumulation Depreciation	\$0	\$413,485	\$413,485
Total Other Assets	\$17,754	\$0	\$0
Total Assets	\$870,877	\$2,412,262	\$3,283,139
Total Liabilities	\$173,453	\$353,263	\$526,716
Net Assets			
Unrestricted-Beginning of Year	\$245,960	\$1,748,733	\$1,994,693
Net of Operations	\$0	\$251,931	\$251,931
Inter-program transfer	-\$58,325	\$58,335	\$0
Unrestricted-Board Designated	\$398,959	\$0	\$398,959
Temporarily Restricted	\$52,505	\$0	\$52,505
Total Net Assets	\$639,089	\$2,058,999	\$2,698,089
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$812,542	\$2,412,262	\$3,224,804

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures

	HSM FY2022	CDC FY2022	ACCA Inc FY2022
Receipts			
Total Tuition	\$0	\$3,473,655	\$3,473,655
Contributions & Support			
Church contributions	\$130,164	\$0	\$130,164
Individual Contributions	\$267,877	\$25,303	\$293,180
Organization & Business	\$49,543	\$0	\$49,543
Total Contributions & Support	\$447,584	\$3,498,958	\$472,887
Grant & special support			
Fraternal Organization	\$8,681		\$8,681
Grants- Organizations & Business	\$16,250	\$547,892	\$564,142
Grants- Fairfax County	\$94,385	\$119,975	\$214,360
Grants- Federal	\$2,750,540	\$169,768	\$2,920,308
Total Grants & Special support	\$2,861,175	\$837,634	\$3,698,809
Total In-Kind support	\$127,818	\$598,567	\$726,385
Total Interest income	\$608	\$908	\$1,516
Released from Restriction	\$134,560	\$0	\$134,560
Total Receipts	\$3,580,426	\$4,946,838	\$8,527,264
Expenditures			
Total Family Emergency Program Expenses	\$3,239,314	\$0	\$3,239,314
Total Nutrition/Hygiene Program Expenses	\$162,170	\$0	\$162,170
Total Furniture Program Expenses	\$45,218	\$0	\$45,218
Emily & Fred Ruffing Scholarship	\$16,000	\$0	\$16,000
Housing (Rebuilding Together)	\$8,750	\$0	\$8,750
Neighbor 2 Neighbor	\$13,952	\$0	\$13,952
Grants to charitable Org	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
Total CDC Care & Instruction	\$0	\$4,053,925	\$4,053,925
Total Program & Services	\$3,488,403	\$4,053,925	\$7,542,328
Management & General - HSM	\$33,688		\$33,688
Management & General - CDC		\$640,983	\$640,983
Total Management and General	\$33,688	\$640,983	\$674,671
Total Expenditures	\$3,522,091	\$4,694,907	\$8,216,999
Net from Operations	\$58,335	\$251,931	\$310,266
Other Income/Expenses			
HSM & CDC Shared Program Support	-\$58,335	+\$58,335	\$0
Net Excess Receipts over Expenditures	\$0	\$310,266	\$310,266

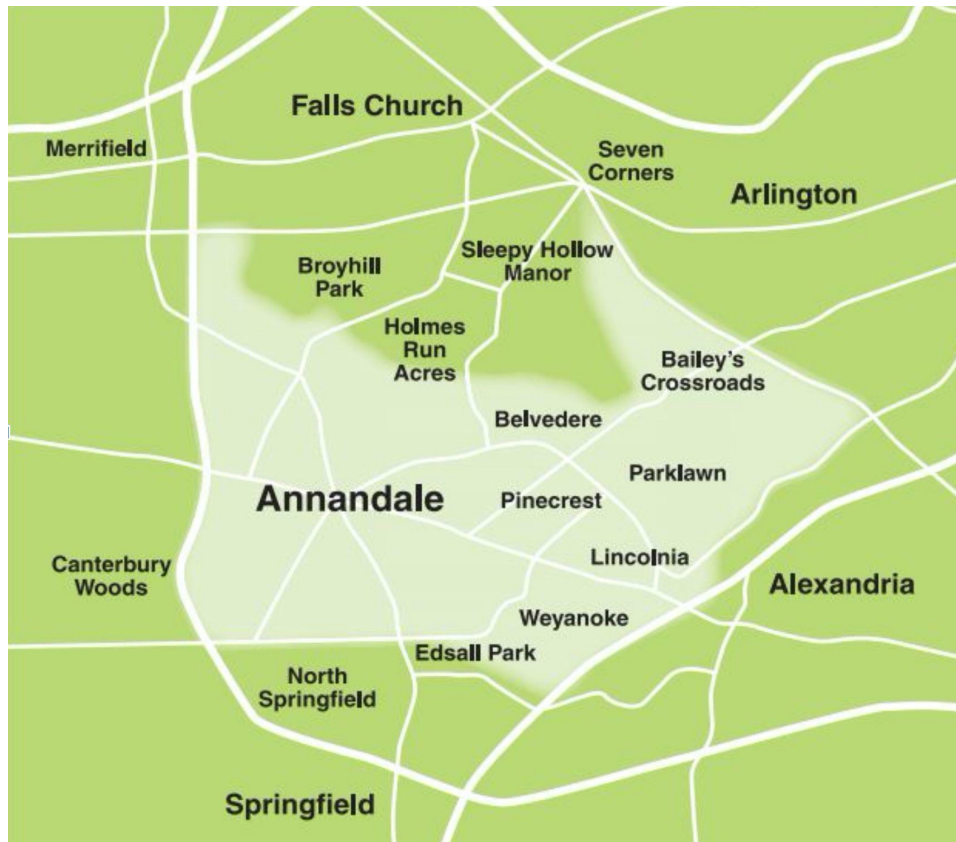
Organizational Partners

In FY 2022, ACCA Inc. was fortunate to work with these partners who helped us provide assistance to low income residents living in our service area. These partners provided goods and/or services to ACCA, or collaborated with us on joint projects to serve our neighbors in need.

Annandale Rotary Club
 Annandale Volunteer Fire Department
 Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter
 Bailey's Crossroads Host Lions Club
 Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club
 Best Buy
 Casey 4522 Foundation
 Church World Service
 Community Foundation for Northern Virginia
 Community Playthings
 Council for Professional Recognition
 Domino's Pizza
 ECDE Consulting
 Elks Auxiliary Arlington-Fairfax Lodge #2188
 Fairfax County Coordinated Service Planning
 Fairfax County Department of Family Services
 Fairfax County Health Department
 Fairfax County Mason District Supervisor
 Penny Gross
 Fairfax County Neighborhood School
 Readiness Team
 Fairfax County Office for Children
 Fairfax County Public Schools
 Fairfax County Ready to Read
 Fairfax Futures
 Friends of Kisima
 George Mason University
 George Washington University
 Georgetown University
 Giant Food

Harris Teeter-Together in Education
 Holy Spirit Sewing Group
 Home Depot
 HomeAid
 Inova Cares Clinic for Families
 Meals on Wheels of Eastern Fairfax
 National Association for Child Care and Referral Agencies
 National Association for the Education of Young Children
 National Educational Consulting Services
 Northern Virginia Association for the Education of Young Children
 Northern Virginia Community College
 NV Rides
 Reading is Fundamental
 Rebuilding Together -Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church
 Safety First CPR & First Aid Training
 Shepherd's Center
 Sleepy Hollow Montessori School
 St. Barnabas Episcopal Church Youth
 The Child Care Network for Child Care Aware of Northern Virginia
 United Bank
 Virginia Department of Education
 Virginia Department of Social Services
 Virginia Preschool Initiative
 Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts

ACCA Service Area





**Annandale Christian
Community for Action**

A coalition of churches serving those in need