

Thanksgiving and/or a Christmas meal and gifts for children.

Please watch for more information on these opportunities through ACCA e-newsletters and ACCA Board member announcements.

NEWS FROM ACCA MINISTRIES

ACCA provides rides to medical appointments for persons under age 50. ACCA also provides rides to persons age 50 or older through the joint Shepherd's Center-ACCA transportation program. This program, which provides about 50 rides per month, is badly in need of additional volunteers. Drivers can volunteer when it fits their own schedule, signing up through a user-friendly computer program. If you are interested in volunteering for either or both of these programs, contact Gail Coleman at gv.coleman@verizon.net for more information.

The Furniture Ministry has resumed delivery to households in need and donation pick-up of gently used furniture. To offer donations, please call 703 256-9513 or email ddmlid@verizon.net. Volunteer crews report Saturdays at 8 am to the warehouse, on the grounds of Annandale United Methodist Church. ACCA will collect gently-used outerwear in December and January. Coats, hoodies, sweatshirts, hats and gloves are needed for day laborers and our homeless neighbors.

ACCA FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 9	Latter Day Saints
September 16	St. Alban Episcopal/Annandale-Immanuel Methodist
September 23	Providence Presbyterian/John Calvin Presbyterian
September 30	St. Anthony Catholic/Annandale High School
October 7	St. Barnabas Episcopal/Cornerstone Evangelical
October 14	Holy Spirit Catholic/Mt. Pleasant Baptist
October 21	Latter Day Saints
October 28	CLOSED FOR ANNANDALE PARADE

ACCA's website: www.accacares.org

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Queen of Apostles Catholic Church

For assistance referrals, please call
Fairfax County Human Services at 703 222-0880



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ACCA TO CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

A special service celebrating ACCA's fifty years of service to our neighbors in the Annandale-Baileys Crossroads-Lincolnia area will be held on Tuesday, October 3. The event will start at 7 p.m. at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, 4329 Sano Street, Alexandria VA 22312. Please join us! ACCA was formed in 1967 when Fred and Emily Ruffing and volunteers from other Christian social action groups decided that more could be done if groups from many denominations would pool their efforts. The first action was to respond to an urgent need for day care for children who were left without affordable day care because their family's incomes had grown beyond allowed limits. Over the years, ACCA's mission has grown beyond quality care for children to include emergency financial assistance, food, furniture and other support to needy families in our community, regardless of religion, race or ethnicity. ACCA has grown to a group of 27 congregations.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER PLANS EXPANSION.

Our Child Development Center (CDC) plans to add two preschool classrooms and after school services. In July, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved ACCA's application for a special zoning exception to allow ACCA to serve up to 290 children. Previously, ACCA was permitted to serve 188 children. The CDC will continue to use the former Annandale Elementary School building, and will expand into space used by the former Annandale Adult Care Center. The space will allow new classrooms and will enable the CDC to offer activities for enrolled children and their parents, professional development for staff, and more access for children to special services and health screening.

CROP HUNGER WALK PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 14.

The Annandale walk will be held at Lake Accotink Park; registration starts at 8 am near the Marina. The walk raises funds for Church World Service (CWS), which works around the world to fund



programs for hunger, disaster and refugee relief and sustainable development. In the U.S., CWS responds to disasters and supports refugee resettlement. CWS returns part of the funds raised by CROP Walks to local



organizations. The 2016 Annandale Walk raised \$19,114, and CWS returned \$4,778 to ACCA. Youth are invited to make CROP Hunger Walk posters about fighting hunger or poverty. Posters should be no larger than 14" x 22". Please mark the artist's name, grade and church on the back. Please bring posters by October 6 to the ACCA CDC, 7200 Columbia Pike. For more information, please see www.crophungerwalk.org/annandaleva or contact Camille at accacrop@gmail.com or 703 573-0074.



ACCA PARTICIPATES IN WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGNS. Workplace giving campaigns will begin in the next few weeks for employees whose organizations participate in United Way and Federal workers. Please consider designating gifts to the Annandale Christian Community for Action. Your gift will help ACCA provide emergency assistance, quality child care and other support to our needy neighbors. ACCA's United Way designation code is 8058. ACCA's Combined Federal Campaign designation code is 58934.

ACCA JOINS DAY TO SERVE EFFORTS WITH FOOD DRIVE. ACCA and Interfaith Communities for Action volunteers will be collecting food for the ACCA and Dar Al-Hijrah pantries at area Giant Food and Shoppers Food Warehouse stores on Saturday September 23, as part of the 2017 Day to Serve Campaign. For more information, please contact John Wall (johnwall@att.net) or Marie Monsen (mamonsen@verizon.net).

ACCA SELECTED AS "ONE OF THE BEST." The Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington has selected ACCA to be part of the Class of 2017-18. Selection means that ACCA has undergone an extensive review process, and has met the Catalogue's high standards. Potential donors can be confident that the nonprofits in the Catalogue are worthy of their support.

RUFFING SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTS LOCAL STUDENTS. Congratulations to Molly McCracken, a Fairfax High School graduate, who was selected as the 2017 recipient of a Ruffing Scholarship. Molly will attend Longwood University. Previous scholarship awardees Katherine Cespedes Escalara, Esraa Mahran, Raymond Phung and Darling Lievano Perez are also receiving support for their studies at George Mason University. The Ruffing Scholarship program was established in honor and memory of ACCA founders Emily and the late Fred Ruffing. ACCA awards a scholarship to one or more disabled graduating high school seniors.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD PRESENTED. Congratulations to Beckman Hollis, an Annandale High School graduate, who received this year's ACCA Making a Difference Award. The award recognizes a student who has given back to the community through volunteer service, and is sponsored by Ms. Jina Kim of the Evergreen Title Company. Beckman was involved in volunteer activities through the Boy Scouts, and will attend the University of Mary Washington.

COMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

2017 Taste of Annandale community festival is scheduled for October 14, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. along Tom Davis Drive in Annandale. The festival includes children's programming hosted by the ACCA CDC, music and dance, a chili cook-off, food sales featuring local restaurants and food trucks, and a 5k race.

The annual ACCA Pastors and Partners Luncheon will be held Thursday, October 19, 11:30 a.m., at Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale. This gathering will bring together pastors of ACCA churches, ACCA board members and guests from community organizations and Fairfax County officials. Please watch for invitations.

The Cabot Cheese Company will host a luncheon on Saturday, November 4, at Noon. In honor of ACCA volunteers, the Cabot Grille will offer a sample of a cheese entrées at Providence Presbyterian Church. Please watch for announcements, and respond. The Cabot Cheese coop members believe strongly in the value of volunteers, and ACCA is thankful that they will join us in celebrating our terrific volunteers.

Local Boy Scout troops plan to participate in the Scouting for Food collection on Saturday, November 11. The scouts will deliver food collected in our area to the ACCA Food Pantry.

ACCA Churches will gather for the ACCA Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. Join us on Tuesday November 21, 7:30 p.m., at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, 6477 Lincolnia Rd., Alexandria 22312.

ACCA's is planning its annual Challenge Campaign to start later this fall. This campaign is an important source of funds for ACCA so we can continue to serve neighbors in need.

ACCA expects information soon on the Holiday Baskets program, through which families in need are connected with sponsors who provide groceries for