

a Tysons Corner area hotel and donations of mattresses and furniture from a hotel in the District of Columbia. The annual Furniture Ministry planning meeting will be August 23, 10 am, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church. Want to join the ACCA Furniture volunteers and have a regularly scheduled time for your team to work? Contact Don and Mary Lee Di Spirito at ddmld@verizon.net or 703 256-9513 to talk about forming a team to be included on the 2014-15 schedule. New teams are always welcomed.

Meals-On-Wheels—Volunteers delivered a total of 808 meals to 21 clients. There are openings for people who need to have noon and evening meals delivered to them.

Transportation— Volunteer drivers provided 10 rides to 10 people in June.

FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The furniture warehouse will be closed in August. Furniture deliveries and donation pickups will resume after Labor Day. The schedule for fall 2014-summer 2015 will be available August 23.

ACCA's Website: www.accacares.org

NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, September 2, 2014
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
6477 Lincolnia Road
Alexandria VA 22312
7:30 pm fellowship/7:45 pm meeting**

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

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NEWS

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

Summer 2014

RUFFING SCHOLARS RECOGNIZED

Congratulations to the two new recipients of the Fred and Emily Ruffing Scholarship, Raymond Phung and Darling Lievano-Perez. Raymond is a graduate of JEB Stuart High School, and Darling is a graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School. Both plan to attend George Mason University. Scholarship Committee Chair Ann Marie Hicks and Emily Ruffing presented checks to Raymond, Darling and the continuing recipients of the scholarship, Afomeya Mckonnen (Gallaudet University) and Genesis Andia (George Mason University) at the July ACCA Board meeting. The scholarship honors ACCA founders Emily Ruffing and the late Fred Ruffing, and is awarded to a student who has worked to meet the challenge of a disability and needs financial assistance. Scholarships are funded through contributions to the Emily and Fred Ruffing Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in supporting these scholarships, please make your check payable to ACCA and designate the Ruffing Scholarship, and send it to ACCA at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

VOLUNTEER MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD RECIPIENT RECOGNIZED

Abigail Belayneh is the 2014 recipient of the Making a Difference Award, which recognizes volunteer achievement of a graduating senior at Annandale High School. Mrs. Jina Kim of Evergreen Title sponsors the award. Abigail will attend the University of Maryland - Eastern Shore, where she plans to study criminal justice. Abigail has been an active volunteer at the Lincolnia Senior Center. She also organized fund raisers and school supply drives for the Wegene Children's Foundation, which assists underprivileged children in Ethiopia. ACCA congratulates Abigail on receiving the award and commends her commitment to serving others.

ACCA CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF REHABILITATING HOMES

Spring 2014 marks the twenty-fifth year that ACCA has partnered with Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas in April) to repair homes owned by low income homeowners and nonprofit groups. ACCA celebrated this milestone at the June ACCA Board meeting. We were joined by Rebuilding Together Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church Executive Director Patti Klein and Marcy Bartlett. Rebuilding Together and ACCA recognized long-serving volunteers who have led the home repair projects and lunch preparation, as well as churches that have sponsored house projects. Patti Klein



presented plaques to ACCA and Housing Chair Marie Monsen. Over the 25 years, ACCA has repaired and refurbished 115 homes and group homes, improving safety of the homes and quality of life for the residents.

CROP HUNGER WALK AND POSTER CONTEST

The 2014 Annandale CROP Hunger Walk will be **Saturday, October 18** at Lake Accotink Park. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. near the marina, and the walk will begin at 8:30 am. The CROP Hunger Walk raises funds for Church World Service's hunger and refugee relief and development programs and for ACCA.



CWS works with Christian organizations around the world to address hunger and poverty and respond to disasters. The 2013 Annandale CROP Walk raised \$20,249, and ACCA received \$5,062 from CWS to fight hunger and poverty in our community. Youth through grade 12 are invited to submit posters to the CROP Hunger Walk poster contest. Posters should be about hunger and should note the Annandale CROP Walk date, time and place. Preferred size is 14" x 22" or smaller. Please write the artist's name, grade and church on the back. Please submit posters to the ACCA Child Development Center by October 8. For more information about the walk and contest, please contact Camille Mittelholtz at kcmittelholtz@gmail.com or telephone 703 573-0074. For more information about CWS, please see www.cwsglobal.org.

ACCA HONORED BY FAIRFAX COUNTY

The County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services recently honored ACCA for going above and beyond expectations in helping the Department bring resources to people that strengthen individuals and communities.

ACCA PARTICIPATES IN DoMore24 CAMPAIGN

ACCA joined more than 560 nonprofits in the Washington DC area in an online fundraiser organized by the United Way on June 19. The event raised over \$1 million for United Way nonprofits in the area. ACCA received \$1788 from this year's DoMore24 campaign. ACCA thanks everyone who donated.

NEWS FROM THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The ACCA CDC hosted an open house on June 22 to provide a chance for potential and current families to meet teachers, tour facilities and learn about curriculum. The Center is providing a school readiness camp for the preschool children who will attend public school in September.

2014 DAY TO SERVE

Governor McAuliffe signed a proclamation recognizing each day from September 11 through 28 as a day to serve. Among activities being planned are food collections at grocery stores in the Annandale-Baileys Crossroads-7 Corners area on September 13. The Interfaith Dialogue group will provide volunteers at two stores and the Latter Day Saints Annandale and Little River Wards will provide volunteers for two stores. Arrangements have been made for collection at two other locations, but churches are needed to provide volunteers. For more information, please contact Richard Magleby at rsagleby@verizon.net. For more information on the Virginia-Maryland-District of Columbia Day to Serve, please see www.daytoserve.org.

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Communications Committee—The Development Committee and Communications Committee collaborated in preparation of a new YouTube video about ACCA and its various ministries. The video, pictures of the Ruffing Scholarship winners, the celebration of ACCA's partnership with Rebuilding Together and other ACCA-related content, are available on the ACCA Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ACCAcares>.

Development Committee—The Committee is developing applications for grants from United Way and Washington Forrest Foundation, and is preparing for the fall Combined Federal Campaign and United Way campaign. The Committee is also completing the reporting requirements for the grants from the Fairfax County Community Consolidated Funding Pool and other sources. In recent months, ACCA received donations from community organizations, including the Lake Barcroft Women's Club and the Baileys' Rotary Club. ACCA is grateful for these donations.

Family Emergency Assistance—After several months of high need for assistance, requests slowed somewhat in May and June. ACCA gave a total of \$7962 in assistance for rent, utilities and medicine to 22 households in June. One of the families received help for medicine not covered by Medicaid that was needed to treat malaria. ACCA paid for the medication using the Annandale Rotary Club grant to the Family Emergency Assistance Committee for purchase of prescription medicine. ACCA also paid the first week's rent for a client who had a new job and was moving into an Oxford House residence.

Food Pantry—Pantry volunteers made 97 deliveries assisting 319 individuals in June. Donations of nonperishable food and paper goods are needed to keep the pantry stocked. Amy Metzel is leading an ACCA Community Garden effort which has yielded fresh vegetables for the Pantry.

Furniture—The Furniture Ministry volunteers completed deliveries to 33 households and picked up donations from 36 households during the month of June. In response to an appeal, bed linens were donated to ACCA. In addition, the Keys for the Homeless Foundation arranged for donation of 600 sheets from