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ACCA

**Annandale Christian
Community for Action**

A coalition of churches serving those in need

**Serving Our Community
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**ACCA, Inc.
FY2021 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.

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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
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Our Accomplishments

In its **54th** 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 an unprecedented number of individuals and families with money for rent, utilities, food, and other essentials totaling almost \$1.6 million in assistance.

The ACCA **Child Development Center (CDC)** responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by remaining open and stepping up to meet the growing need for safe early education with an emphasis on providing services for the children of first responders and essential personnel. The program served more than 200 infants, toddlers and preschoolers and attendance varied depending on health and licensing guidelines. Moreover, we took care of 61 school-age children, ages 6 to 12 years old. Overall, the CDC provided services to 261 families.

The ACCA Child Development Center (CDC) and its leader, Maria Isabel Ballivian, were featured in several national and international media outlets where the excellent staff and its programs were held up as shining examples of the value and importance of early childhood education. Ms. Ballivian was invited to participate with local, state, and national leaders and was honored to share her insights with an audience at the White House.

In FY2021 during the pandemic ACCA provided direct financial assistance to 313 households totaling 945 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. 1,528 families comprising a total of 4,914 individuals were assisted with a 7 to 10-day food supply or the equivalent in gift cards. Due to COVID-19, the total volume of assistance remained at a high level again this year.

The **Furniture Ministry** team delivered 854 items to 146 persons in 55 needy households. This work was accomplished by 87 volunteers, who provided 1,015 hours of volunteer labor. Through partnerships and sharing of resources with other community partners, we are able to help our neighbors to provide a safe and comfortable home for their families. The pandemic had a most negative impact upon our operations but, we have continued to provide services to those in need.

The combined **Shepherd's Center of Annandale Springfield/ACCA Transportation** provided 534 round-trip rides – almost the same level as the 535 round-trip rides in FY 2020. Of these rides, 14 were provided to former ACCA clients. They also instituted a friendly caller program. Volunteers call senior citizens to provide them friendly, caring words of encouragement.

Housing Repair is working year-round with the Rebuilding Express program which focuses on smaller projects since the annual Rebuilding Together day was cancelled due to the pandemic.

The **CROP Hunger Walk** was virtual. The Annandale CROP Hunger Walk raises funds for Church World Service (CWS) and CWS shares part of the funds raised with ACCA. ACCA raised almost \$12000 for CWS.

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.

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

We are working 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 throughout the pandemic. We have had an increase in donations from the Boy Scouts, Rotary, Knights of Columbus, Food for Others, the Capital Area Food Bank, churches, Stuff the Bus, Fairfax County Police Dept., 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 community's response to our spring COVID appeal was amazing!!*

Our work was made possible by about 500 repeat volunteers and hundreds of one-time volunteers in addition to the staff of the Child Development Center.

From the President

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2021 has once again proven to be an extremely challenging year for ACCA. Also, another challenging year for the entire world. COVID-19 continues to take lives and incite disputes, we continue to strive for racial equality and are seeing astounding political challenges.

For the second year in a row, our Board and ACCA members 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.

ACCA continues to help an unprecedented number of individuals and families with money for rent, utilities, food, and other essentials totaling almost \$3.6 million in assistance. Truly an amount we never imagined would be needed or that we would be able to provide.

Thanks to the amazing generosity of our donors who kept donating despite their own circumstances, and a significant grant and funding from Fairfax County for the second year in a row, we have been able to assist all those who reached out for help.

2021 marks 54 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.

This year, more than ever, we also wish to reiterate our strong and consistent non-discrimination policy and remind all concerned that ACCA has never been and is not today involved in immigration enforcement activities. ACCA's sole mission is to provide basic human services to those in need... ALL those in need.

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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."*

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 in 2021. 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 has been an honor to serve alongside each of you for the last four years as you continued to serve those in need. ACCA volunteers, CDC staff, and donors, you are truly heroes.

From these heroes, I have learned, grown, and become a better person. I will be indebted to all of you for years to come for the lessons you have taught me and the generosity in your hearts.

I have always been proud of the work ACCA does, but again this year, I could not be prouder of our organization and its continued efforts to follow our guiding principle, to do, "What Jesus Would Do".

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 20.

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, 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

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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.)



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Child Development Center

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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 2021, the CDC met the child care needs of Fairfax County parents from diverse economic and ethnic backgrounds. Of the families served, 86% were eligible for subsidy and had an average yearly income of \$33,011. The remaining 14% of families did not qualify for tuition assistance. Among all families, the average household income per year was \$34,716. Furthermore, the program provided \$20,050 in scholarships, \$12,057 in sibling rebates and \$123,453 in staff discounts.



During FY 2021, the CDC responded to the Covid-19 pandemic by remaining open and stepping up to meet the growing need for safe early education with an emphasis on providing services for the children of first responders and essential personnel.

The program served more than 200 infants, toddlers and preschoolers and attendance varied depending on health and licensing guidelines. Moreover, we took care of 61 school-age children, ages 6 to 12 years old. Overall, the CDC provided services to 261 families.

The center continued to maintain NAEYC accreditation, participate in the Virginia Quality Initiative and maintain high standards of quality across all program areas. The center continued to be held-up as a model of high-quality at both the local and national level. The program was featured in a New York Times article and Executive Director Maria-Isabel Ballivian was invited to introduce Vice President Harris at a White House event in April 2021 related to the importance of the American Rescue Plan funding for child care. In addition, Ms. Ballivian and Board Chair Simon Workman participated in stakeholder groups guiding the future direction of early care and education in Virginia.

During FY 2021, the CDC provided special needs services to 34 children. Important to note, 10 of the 34 children were school-age children and thus not eligible for Child Find services but had IEPs in place for the virtual school year with Fairfax County Public Schools. The public schools relied heavily upon our staff to support these children while they received instruction online. Additionally, Child Find services for preschool children were virtual from September 2020 to March 29, 2021. Due to the ineffectiveness of virtual specialized services for young children, Child Find Specialists mainly consulted and guided CDC staff on individualized development plans and practices to support special needs children in the classrooms. Developmental, dental, hearing and vision screenings were administered to preschoolers. All Infant and Toddler classrooms received monthly virtual visits and mentoring from Infant/Toddler Mental Health Specialist, M. Sheldon. ITC specialists provided virtual services for four children, mainly through mentoring for their respective teachers. Case management meetings occurred weekly with a total of 104 hours of support for special needs planning and strategies.



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Family Emergency Assistance

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The Family Emergency Assistance (FEA) 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 FY2021 during the pandemic ACCA provided direct financial assistance to 313 households totaling 945 individuals (family members) for rent or security deposits, utilities, prescription drugs, medical or dental needs, and miscellaneous purposes. Low-income families in our area often spend up to two-thirds of their income on rent because of the shortage of affordable housing in Fairfax County. Low income families are frequently in danger of losing their housing when faced with periods of unemployment, reduced work hours, injury, or illness.

FY2021 presented continuing financial devastation and challenges for the poor and middle class as the pandemic raged on wreaking havoc with health, the economy and unemployment. Many people lost their jobs and were threatened continually with eviction as moratorium laws expired. Landlords also suffered since many renters were unable to pay their rent. The CARES Act and Emergency Rental Assistance federal funding grants offered significant and much needed relief but there were also many who did not qualify. ACCA revised its policies to better assist those who did not qualify for federal funding and succeeded in making a difference. We were, in some instances, able to provide up to 4 months' rent for clients due to the generosity of individual donors and use of reserve funds.

The total direct financial assistance (non federal funding) distributed in FY2021 for FEAP was \$393,826 providing an average of \$1,258 (increased from \$797 in FY2020) per household. A portion of the funding for the program came from a grant of \$46,623 from the Fairfax County Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP). The balance came from unrestricted grants and donations from many generous individuals, churches, and community organizations.

Expenditures for Family Emergency Assistance in FY2021 included:

- \$365,894 for rent and security deposits
- \$25,240 for utility bills (electricity, gas, water)
- \$1,612 for prescription drugs, dental care, and other medical needs
- \$1,080 for miscellaneous expenses, such as, gasoline, heating oil or car repairs

Federal Grants:

- CARES1.0 grant funds of \$2,373,977 were distributed to 662 families.
- CARES2.0 grant funds distributed to 6 households for mortgage holders was \$16,352.
- ERA1 grant funds assistance provided 69 families with \$416,845 rent and utility assistance.

ACCA has 20 volunteer "money captains" on duty for one week per quarter who receive referrals for assistance from Fairfax County case workers, member churches, schools, ACCA Child Development Center, and social service agencies. The amount of assistance provided per request is based on ACCA guidelines that take into account the household size and the purpose of the aid. Exceptions are made in emergencies, such as, 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 needed and Fairfax County Coordinated Services Planning (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 issues a check directly to the provider of goods and services.

Anyone who needs assistance is encouraged to call Fairfax County CSP at 703-222-0880. The specialists provide a comprehensive assessment for all family member needs or for individuals requesting assistance, as many clients benefit from multiple services.

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Food Programs – Pantry

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ACCA's nutrition/hygiene ministry provides nutritious food and other essentials to families and individuals in need in our community. 1,528 families comprised of a total of 4,914 individuals were assisted with a 7 to 10-day food supply or the equivalent in gift cards. Due to COVID-19, the total volume of assistance remained at a high level again this year.

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 122,880 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.



Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, the ACCA food program has made several changes to its operations, primarily to protect our volunteers from exposures to the virus, and also to make the service more efficient as we were experiencing a large increase in the volume of food requests.

Food Programs – CROP Hunger Walk

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The Annandale CROP Hunger Walk raises funds for Church World Service (CWS) and for ACCA's programs. In the U.S., CWS responds to disasters, resettles refugees and supports local hunger and poverty-fighting organizations. CWS works around the world to support hunger and disaster relief, assist refugees, and support sustainable development. The walk is held in mid-October.

The 2020 Annandale CROP Hunger Walk was virtual to help reduce spread of the COVID-19 virus. Participants walked on their own and many registered online. The Walk raised \$19,485 in donations for Church World Service. Of this, ACCA received \$4,871 from CWS. Walkers and volunteers from eight ACCA churches and the Annandale High School One World Club participated. The Annandale Walk was ranked 82nd on the CWS 2020 national list of the top fund-raising CROP Hunger walks.



Team leads at churches publicize the walk, sign up walkers and work with walkers to manage contributions. Other volunteer needs include helpers the day of the walk, a coordinator and a treasurer.

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Furniture Ministry

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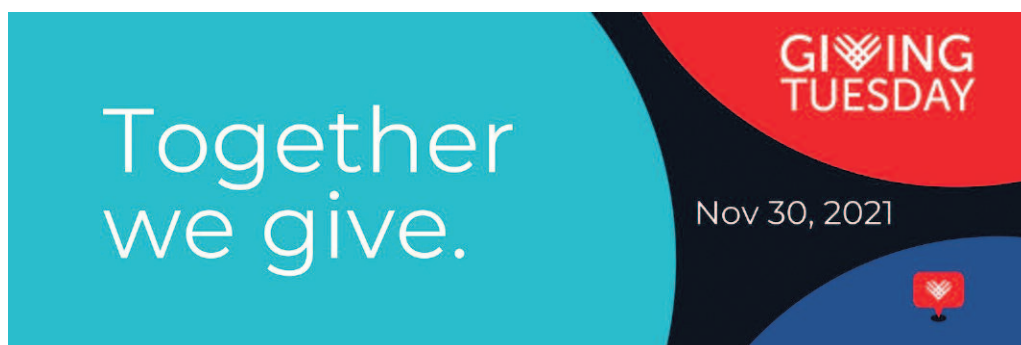
For the past twenty two years, the ACCA furniture ministry has been making an immediate impact on the quality of the home lives of clients it serves. During this time period, ACCA served more than 24,146 individuals with 12,767 deliveries and pickups. During FY2021, ACCA delivered 854 items to 146 persons in 55 needy households. This work was accomplished by 87 volunteers, who provided 1,015 hours of volunteer labor.

COVID has provided a tremendous challenge for the furniture ministry. Pick-ups and deliveries were suspended in early 2020 in order to follow health and safety guidelines.

Highlights for FY2021

- The HomeAid Foundation (The Foundation for the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association) provided necessary repairs to the furniture building on the campus of Annandale United Methodist Church including a new roof, exterior painting, chimney removal, and re-venting the gas furnace. These important repairs helped to preserve the structure.
- ACCA continued its partnership with the KEYS Foundation for the Homeless, which serves as a clearing house for donated furniture items from area hotels, universities, and retirement homes in the D.C. area.
- We collaborated with local churches in gaining storage space for large donations of furniture, particularly noted are the Annandale United Methodist and United Baptist Churches.
- We strengthened and expanded our partnership with the Fairfax County Neighborhood Community Services Department (NCS) – Coordinated Service Planning that provides vetting of furniture requests and collaboration with other furniture operations through the Fairfax County Furniture Network.
- Continued networking arrangements with other county furniture operations, enabling the sharing of supplies and maintaining a mix of most-needed furniture, including: SHARE in McLean, and the Falls Church Community Service Council, Inc.
- Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross and staff continue to provide strong support and assistance to our ACCA operations and needs, including timely announcements in the Mason District newsletter.
- The Annandale Rotary Club continued to assist with the high cost of diesel fuel for our diesel-powered truck.

Despite the global pandemic, we have continued to provide services to those in need through modified work schedules. We are planning to remain creative and efficient to maintain support for some of our most needy households.



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Housing Repair

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Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Rebuilding Together workday in April of 2020 was postponed. However, the Rebuilding Together Express Program, which operates through the year, permitted ACCA volunteers to begin to work in teams of 2 – 3 at detached houses or townhouses while following the current health and safety protocols. They performed limited tasks such as installing grab bars, removing tripping hazards and installing railings. Ken Mittelholtz, Woody Woodburn and Jim Dillon from ACCA volunteered with the program.



Since 1990, ACCA has partnered with Rebuilding Together to provide home repairs to 126 homeowners and group home providers, primarily seniors and those with disabilities. Rebuilding Together is the largest volunteer home repair program in the US. Our goal is to provide a safe, accessible and healthy environment for those we serve. Our thanks go to our volunteers as well as those who have provided food and supported our work.

The Emily and Fred Ruffing Scholarships

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Since 1979, ACCA has awarded four-year college scholarships to 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 that 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's 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 scholarship, worth \$4000/year over a four year period for a total equaling \$16,000.

- Kyle Gatesman, 4th year at Johns Hopkins University
- Rosy Sultano, 3rd year at George Mason University,
- Catherine Soto, 2nd year at Bryn Mawr College, and
- Lila Beth Stern, 1st Year at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

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. Annmarie and Norman Hicks chaired the selection committee this year.

Near to Neighbor: Welcoming New Immigrants

At the December 2017 ACCA meeting, the board of directors approved a proposal to help support a refugee family through Lutheran Social Services (LSS).

During the first few months, we met our goal of education and raising awareness about the refugee crisis by sponsoring a series of films and panel discussions and recruited 30 volunteers. We hoped to “adopt” a family by September or October 2018, and the ACCA Board approved funding a family’s needs for one year

Unfortunately, in late September 2018 there was a drastic reduction in the number of Special Immigrant Visas (SIV) being processed and there were no waiting families. These visas are issued to families who have supported the U.S. in Afghanistan or Iraq, primarily as translators. They are admitted legally to this country with a green card and are eligible to work.

We began to change our focus to provide ongoing support with tutoring for children, ESL instruction for adults, transportation, and financial literacy. LSS had started a “Homework Club” in one area and suggested that we start one in the Annandale area. This was designed as a two-generation approach for family learning and adjusting to the U.S.A. This proposal was accepted by the Board in November 2018.

LSS staff identified families and in January of 2019 we met twice-monthly at Peace Lutheran. We started with three families and 12 children, offering one-on-one tutoring and adult conversation.

We met regularly until the pandemic hit in March 2020, when stay-at-home orders prevented our meeting in-person. The Planning Team continued to meet and with the approval of the Board, recommended hiring two of our Afghan friends as consultants. They began to teach English on Zoom and have continued since the summer of 2020. There are usually 12 adults participating in the English learning sessions. Since children were learning virtually, and families and professionals felt that more on-line tutoring was not advised, tutoring with children was put on hold; Volunteers and English-learners were matched and they continue to meet regularly on Zoom.

With the withdrawal from Afghanistan and the influx of immigrants and refugees, we envision that there will be important work for us to do well into the future.

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



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Transportation

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In 2016, the ACCA Transportation Ministry joined with the transportation program offered by the Shepherd's Center of Annandale Springfield (SCAS). The combined Shepherd's Center of Annandale Springfield/Annandale Christian Community for Action



Transportation Program offers 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 to clients over age 50. ACCA continues to provide rides directly for clients under age 50 who are referred to ACCA for medical appointments.

The early months of the pandemic caused a dramatic decrease in requests for transportation for medical appointments because routine appointments were not scheduled. Transportation volume fell from a high of 61 rides in February 2020, just before the pandemic, to 17 rides in April 2020. In FY 2021 demand steadily picked up through the year, to about pre-pandemic levels, and have surged into the new fiscal year. Although many senior volunteers have been reluctant to provide rides, we had a tremendous response from new younger volunteers, so that we have been able to fulfill almost all of the rides requested.

In FY 2021 the combined Shepherd's Center/ACCA Transportation Program provided 534 round-trip rides – almost the same level as the 535 round-trip rides in FY 2020. Of these rides, 14 were provided to former ACCA clients. We were able to fulfill all but 14 ride requests.

The request for rides under the separate ACCA program has essentially disappeared under COVID. We provided only 1 ride.

During the pandemic the Shepherd's Center started a new transportation service, providing contactless delivery of food for needy clients who were referred to Food for Others by Fairfax County. We provided 4 of these deliveries in May 2020 and another 6 in the first months of FY 2021. There is no longer a demand for this service.



The Shepherd's Center also instituted a friendly caller program. Volunteers – especially drivers who have not been comfortable providing rides – have been calling senior citizens to give them friendly, caring words of encouragement. The program has been very successful.

The transportation program is always in need of additional drivers, especially in light of the enormous increase in requests for rides in the last few months to levels far in excess of what we provided prior to the pandemic. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gail Coleman for more information. You may also contact Barbara Gatorian at the Shepherd's Center at 703-941-1419 or shepherdscas@vacoxmal.com to volunteer directly for the joint Shepherd's Center/ACCA Transportation Program.

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Development

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Fiscal year 2021 was an extraordinary fundraising year for ACCA.

Given the COVID-19 pandemic continued to afflict the health and finances of low-income families in our service area, ACCA expanded the fundraising efforts begun in 2020. As always, our efforts began with our member churches, who donated about \$137,000 to ACCA. In November, ACCA launched a COVID Challenge Campaign which asked our supporters to donate enough funds to surpass a goal of \$200,000. In fact, this campaign raised over \$230,000 in donations from hundreds of individuals and businesses. We were also grateful to receive grants from other community funders, such as United Way, Church World Service – Crop Walk, Rotary Clubs, and Thorson Foundation. Our Child Development Center (CDC) and Human Services Ministries (HSM) also applied for and received a combined total of over \$450,000 from traditional Fairfax County grant programs, such as its Consolidated Community Funding Pool.

In the spring of 2020, Fairfax County selected ACCA to receive a \$3.2 million grant to provide rent, mortgage, and food assistance, through its new CARES Act grant program (CARES 1.0). ACCA spent about \$1 million of the CARES 1.0 grant during FY2020, and the remaining \$2.2 million during the first half of FY2021.

In May 2021, Fairfax County again selected ACCA to receive two very large federally-funded grants. First, ACCA received a \$312,000 CARES 2.0 grant to provide mortgage and utility assistance. Then, the County also selected ACCA to receive a \$1.6 million grant to provide rental assistance, via the new federally-funded Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA). The need for rental assistance was so great that ACCA had spent nearly all of its first ERA grant by October 2021.

Of course, the CARES and ERA grant programs enabled Fairfax County and its community-based partners, like ACCA, to provide unprecedented levels of assistance to eligible families. We anticipate that ACCA will continue to receive ERA-related grant funding during FY2022, so we might continue to provide quick and substantial rental assistance to eligible families.

Throughout 2020 and 2021, Fairfax County officials and the metropolitan area non-profit community have demonstrated their confidence in ACCA's ability to serve families in need, and its skill in being a good steward of the grant and donation funding it receives. For example, in May 2021, the Catalog for Philanthropy once again selected ACCA as one of the best non-profits in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, and will again, feature it on the Catalog's website. Such recognition is a credit to the talent and dedication of ACCA's numerous volunteers and professionals.

ACCA is powered by its more than 500 volunteers who repeatedly donate their time to its various programs, as well as the hundreds of one-time volunteers who join either a regular service delivery or a special event. As the pandemic lingers, we continue to take extra precautions to reduce potential exposure. In addition, we have been delighted to welcome numerous new volunteers, who have organized food drives in their neighborhoods, hosted local fundraising campaigns, and called in asking how they could help.

ACCA's CDC and HSM programs were very fortunate to receive a significant amount of in-kind donations from individuals and community partners, valued at over \$850,000. For instance, the ACCA Food and Furniture programs received groceries, storage space, furnishings, and other goods and services, valued at over \$240,000.

The generosity of our community partners, donors, and volunteers continues to help ACCA to serve the thousands of our neighbors, during this unprecedented pandemic. Thank you for your continuing support!

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Communications

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The goal of ACCA communications is to raise awareness about ACCA's mission and work, engage current and new supporters, and build community. Regular ACCA communications include an email newsletter, timely posts on the ACCA Facebook page and updates to the ACCA website. ACCA member congregations are encouraged to disseminate this information to their members. ACCA also sends out news releases to the local press from time to time.

E-Newsletter: In FY 2021, we published 12 issues of the ACCA e-newsletter. Circulation is currently 839. The e-newsletter features news and photos of ACCA-sponsored events, updates from ACCA ministries, and announcements of events relevant to ACCA's mission. We also used the newsletter to solicit donations during the pandemic. We encourage ACCA member churches to share the newsletter with their members via their websites or other email communications. A signup form to subscribe to the newsletter is available on the ACCA website.

Social Media: ACCA continued to build its presence on social media, using Facebook to share photos of ACCA-related events as well as to recognize its partners and supporters. Currently 625 people are following the ACCA Facebook page.

Annual Report: The Communications Committee worked with ACCA committee chairs to produce the Annual Report in time for distribution to various donors as part of the Challenge Grant Campaign. The report is available on the ACCA website along with the annual report brochure in a tri-fold summary format.

Finance

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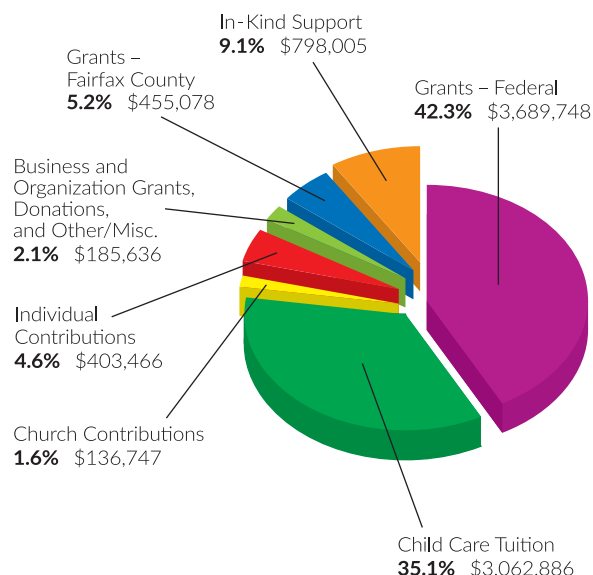
The Finance Committee provides oversight of ACCA's financial operations, including budget preparation and the annual audit. The Committee met three times in FY 21, each time reviewing the operations and budget performance of the organization, as well as the detailed statements of both the Child Development Center (CDC) and Human Services Ministries (HSM) parts of ACCA.

Overall, ACCA continues to have a strong financial position (see tables below). Total revenue for ACCA, Inc. for the fiscal year 2021 totaled \$8.8 million, which includes \$856,529 of in-kind support (donated food, furniture and building use). This compares to only \$4.4 million in FY 20. This large increase is a result of both increased private donations and increased government support, principally from the CARES (Economic Stimulus) Act and the ERA (Economic Recovery Act). Much of this Federal money was directed to the payment of housing rent for low income residents who were often several months in arrears due the problems of COVID illness and chronic unemployment. The year ended with an overall surplus of \$891,188. At the end of June 2021, ACCA, Inc. held \$ 3.3 million in cash reserves and total net assets equaled \$4.4 million.

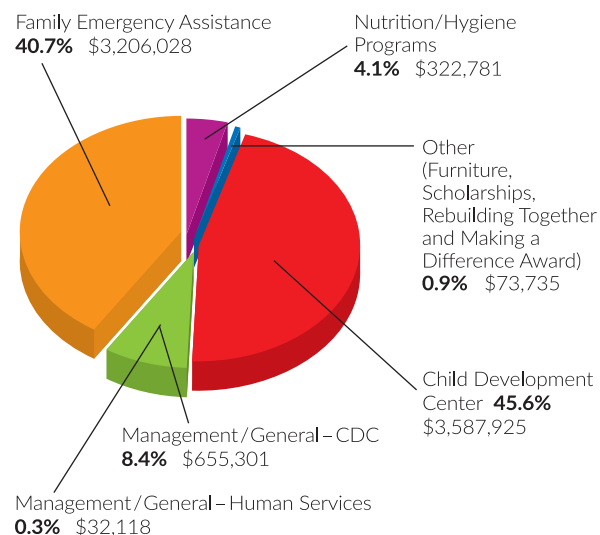
In October, 2021, the Committee reviewed the audit for FY 2021. The auditors found no deficiencies in ACCA's accounts. The audit is available to the public at www.accacares.org.

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

ACCA FY 2021 REVENUE



ACCA FY 2021 EXPENDITURES



Statement of Financial Position

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Accounts Receivable	
Other Current Assets	

Total Current Assets

Property at Cost

Net of Accumulated Depreciation	
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Total Other Assets

Total Assets

Total Liabilities

Net Assets

Unrestricted - General Beginning of Year	
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Net of Operations	
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Interfund Transfer	
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Unrestricted-Board Designated	
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Temporarily Restricted	
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Total Net Assets

Total Liabilities and Net Assets

HSM FY 2021	CDC FY 2021	ACCA Inc. FY 2021
\$2,299,567	\$1,033,511	\$3,333,077
\$10,106	\$639,596	\$649,701
\$36,854	\$83,655	\$120,509
\$2,346,526	\$1,756,762	\$4,103,288
\$0	\$321,753	\$321,753
\$20,037	\$0	\$20,037
\$2,366,564	\$2,078,515	\$4,445,078
\$1,534,579	\$329,781	\$1,864,360
\$124,500	\$984,397	\$1,108,897
\$256,460	\$629,337	\$885,796
-\$135,000	\$135,000	\$0
\$523,830	\$0	\$523,830
\$62,195	\$0	\$62,195
\$831,985	\$1,748,733	\$2,580,718
\$2,366,564	\$2,078,515	\$4,445,078

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Statement of Receipts & Expenditures

	HSM FY 2021	CDC FY 2021	ACCA Inc. FY 2021
Receipts			
Total Tuition	\$0	\$3,062,886	\$3,062,886
Church Contributions	\$136,747	\$0	\$136,747
Individual Contributions	\$371,085	\$32,381	\$403,466
Organization & Business Support	\$31,301	\$16,040	\$47,342
Total Contributions & Support	\$539,133	\$48,422	\$587,555
Faternal Organizations	\$6,388	\$0	\$6,388
Grants – Organization & Business	\$16,000	\$109,498	\$125,498
Grants – Fairfax County	\$91,615	\$363,464	\$455,078
Grants – Federal	\$2,990,158	\$699,590	\$3,689,748
Total Grant Support	\$3,104,161	\$1,172,552	\$4,276,712
Total In-Kind Support	\$242,069	\$555,936	\$798,005
Total Interest Income	\$1,100	\$648	\$1,748
Released from Restriction	\$4,660	\$0	\$4,660
Total Receipts	\$3,891,122	\$4,840,444	\$8,731,566
Expenditures			
Total Family Emergency Program Expenses	\$3,206,028	\$0	\$3,206,028
Total Nutrition/Hygiene Program Expenses	\$322,781	\$0	\$322,781
Total Furniture Program Expenses	\$41,748	\$0	\$41,748
Ruffing Scholarship	\$16,000	\$0	\$16,000
Making A Difference Award	\$0	\$0	\$0
Housing (Rebuilding Together)	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500
Homework Club	\$13,487	\$0	\$13,487
Total CDC Care & Instruction	\$0	\$3,587,925	\$3,587,925
Total Program & Services	\$3,602,544	\$3,587,925	\$7,190,469
Total Management and General	\$32,118	\$623,182	\$653,212
Total Expenditures	\$3,634,663	\$4,211,107	\$7,843,682
Net from Operations	\$256,460	\$629,337	\$885,796
Other Income/Expense			
Released from Restriction	\$0	\$0	\$0
ACCA CDC Shared Program Support	\$135,000	– \$135,000	\$0
Net Excess Receipts over Expenditures	\$121,460	\$764,337	\$885,796

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Organizational Partners

In FY 2021, ACCA Inc. was fortunate to work with more than 130 organizational partners who helped us provide assistance to low income residents living in our service area. These partners either donated funds, goods and/or services to ACCA, or collaborated with us in joint projects to serve our neighbors in need.

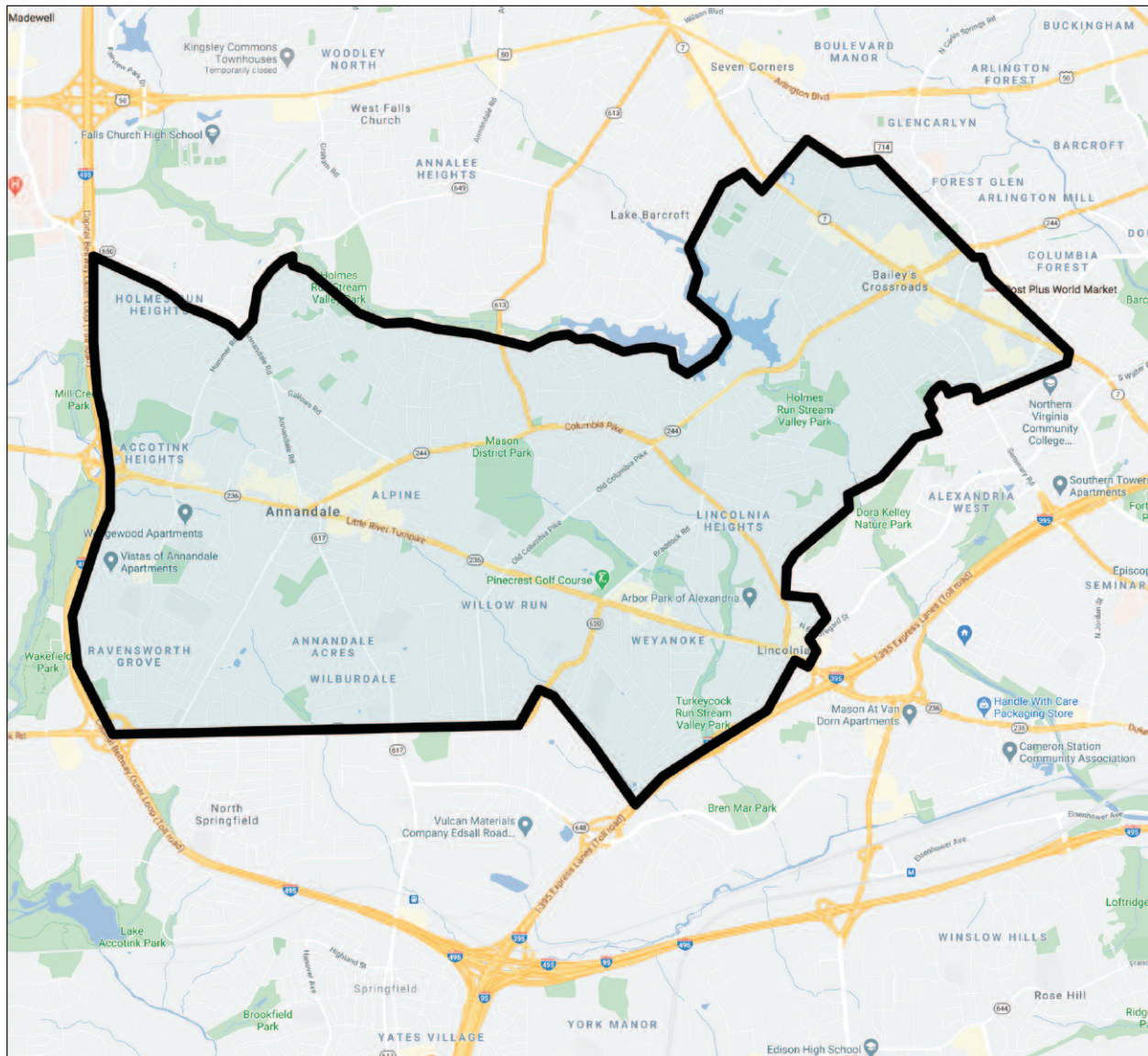
AmazonSmile Foundation	Domino's Pizza
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1976	Ecumenical Community Helping Others, Springfield, VA
Annandale Citgo	Elks Auxiliary Arlington-Fairfax Lodge #2188
Annandale Rotary Club	Elmer Timberman Masonic Lodge No. 54
Annandale Volunteer Fire Department	Fairfax County Consolidated Community Funding Pool
Annandale Women's Club	Fairfax County Coordinated Services Planning
Aware of Northern Virginia	Fairfax County Department of Family Services
Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter	Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services
Bailey's Crossroads Host Lions Club	Fairfax County Health Department
Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club	Fairfax County Library Ready to Read Program
Bailey's Elementary School	Fairfax County Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross
Best Buy	Fairfax County Neighborhood School Readiness Team
Bethany House of Northern Virginia	Fairfax County Office for Children
BJ's Wholesale Club	Fairfax County Police Department – Mason District
Boy Scout Troop #1533	Fairfax County Public Library
Boy Scout Troop #50 – Holy Spirit	Fairfax County Public Schools
Boy Scout Troop #875	Fairfax County Ready to Read
Boy Scout Troop #150	Fairfax Futures
Boy Scouts of America	Food for Others
Bringing Resources to Aid Women's Shelters (BRAWS)	Frank & Janina Petschek Foundation Inc.
Burke Pediatrics	Friends of Kisima
Capital Area Food Bank	George Mason University
Capital Baptist	Georgetown University
Carpe Media Creations, LLC	German Lutheran Church Washington, DC
Casey 4522 Foundation	Giant Food
Catalogue for Philanthropy, Washington, DC	Girl Scout Troop 55056
Catholic Charities – SHARE Food Network	Girl Scout Troop 6052
Centerville Elementary School	Girl Scout Troop 6396
Chapel Square Garden Club	Girl Scouts of America
Church World Service	Hands of Hope
City of Fairfax	Harris Teeter – Together in Education
Commonwealth of Virginia, Office of the Governor	Holy Spirit Church – Youth Group
Community Foundation for Northern Virginia	
Cornerstone Church Youth Group	
Day to Serve Initiative	

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Holy Spirit Sewing Group	Reading is Fundamental
HomeAid Northern Virginia	Real Food for Kids
Home Depot	Rebuilding Together Arlington/Fairfax/ Falls Church
Homestretch	Red Hot Hotties of Annandale-Springfield
I Thirst I Hunger	Reptiles Alive LLC
INOVA Fairfax	Safety First CPR & First Aid Training
Interfaith Communities for Dialogue	Safeway Grocery Store
JMontano Inc.,	Saint Mark's Church, Vienna, VA
Just Neighbors	School Readiness Consulting
Justice High School	Sfelar Solutions Foundation
Justice High School Key Club	Shelter House
Knights of Columbus	Shepherd's Center of Annandale-Springfield
Lake Barcroft Community	Sleepy Hollow Montessori School
Legal Aide and Justice Center	Springfield Cub and Girl Scouts
Lions Club of Annandale	Stuff the Bus
Lions Club of Falls Church	The Child Care Network for Child Care
Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area	The Parliaments
Mantua Swim & Tennis Club	The Robert and Patricia Flowe Trust
Marilyn – Marjorie Fund	Thoreau Middle School – Home Economics
Mason District Council of Community Associations Board	Thorson Foundation
McLean Bible Church	Tito's Lawn & Landscaping
Meals on Wheels of Eastern Fairfax	Trader Joe's
National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association	United Bank
National Association for Child Care and Referral Agencies	United Way of Central MD
National Association for the Education of Young Children	United Way of Southeastern PA
National Association of Letter Carriers	United Way of the National Capital Area Workplace Campaign
National Educational Consulting Services	US Office Of Personnel Management Combined Federal Campaign
Northern Virginia Association for the Education of Young Children,	Virginia Department of Education
Northern Virginia Community College	Virginia Department of Social Services
Northern Virginia Rides	Virginia Preschool Initiative
Office of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia	Volunteer Fairfax
Oxford House	Walgreens
REACHH (R)espond, (E)mpower, (A)dvance, (C)ommunity, (H)ope, and W(H)oleness	Westminster School
	WFB Ohio Foundation
	Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts
	Woodburn & Associates

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ACCA Service Area



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Opportunities for Service

Join our work! If you would like to serve our community, please consider sharing your time and talents:

Child Development Center

- ☆ Assist teachers in the preschool or infant center
- ☆ Donate a tuition scholarship (which may be paid in monthly installments)
- ☆ Make cot sheets and/or coverlets for children to use at nap time
- ☆ Launder cot sheets over the weekend (once or twice a year)

Family Emergency Assistance

- ☆ Serve as "money captain" to take referrals and arrange for financial assistance (1 week every 3 months)*

Food Pantry

- ☆ Serve as "food captain" to take referrals and arrange for deliveries (1 week every 3 months)*
- ☆ Deliver food from the Pantry to needy clients (as often as you agree to)
- ☆ Deliver food from an ACCA member church to the Pantry
- ☆ Organize food collection from members of your church or another organization
- ☆ Help to organize the Pantry
- ☆ Shop for bulk items (probably requires a truck or van)

Furniture

- ☆ Pick up and deliver furniture on Saturday mornings or weekdays (4 to 6 times per year)
- ☆ Assist with administration and phone calls
- ☆ Donate and solicit gently used furniture, sewing machines, vacuums and bikes
- ☆ Interpret for clients with limited English

Transportation

- ☆ Drive people to medical or therapy appointments

Other Support

- ☆ Serve as the Organizational Representative (OR) to ACCA for your church
- ☆ Take photos, write articles or post on social media about ACCA activities.

***REQUIRES ACCESS TO A COMPUTER AND THE INTERNET**

I would like to help ACCA by _____

I need more information about _____

Name: _____ Church: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Return to ACCA at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003 or email us at info@accacares.org.

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