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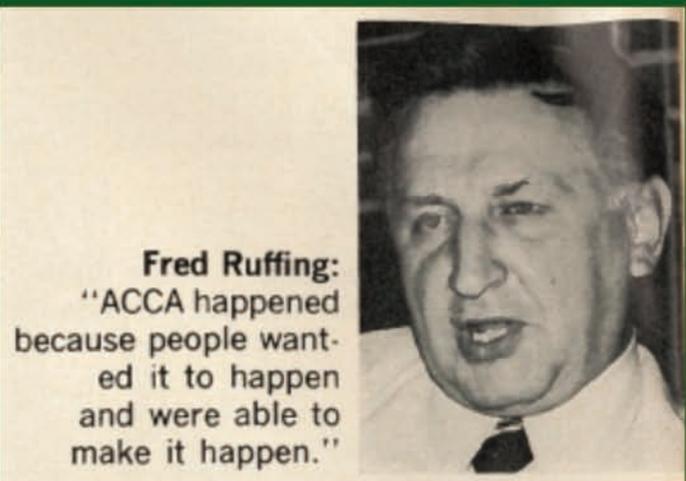


ACCA - The Beginning, Emily Writes...



Fred and Emily Ruffing moved to Virginia in the early 1950's. They joined St. Michael's Catholic Church and became active in the Christian Family Movement, which is a social action group. There must be an action taken at the end of every meeting. One meeting it became obvious that we were not aware of the real needs in our community. The Ruffings proposed that our group contact another long-established church in the community. They called on Pastor Shephard of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and invited him and his wife, Julia, and other lay leaders in their congregation to discuss these needs. This group met in spring of 1962 at the Ruffing home. It was decided at that meeting that no one in the group had enough information, so teams were formed and walked around their neighborhoods to find out from the people what the needs were. When the group met again, it was unanimous that the need was for day care. Parents shared that they had to work and were leaving young children home to take care of even younger children.

With this information, the group decided to start a day care center. The group applied to a foundation for a loan and received a small amount of money and started Higher Horizons Day Care Center. The first location was in the basement of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Staff was hired and 30 children were enrolled. More money was needed, so a proposal was submitted to the federal government and funds were granted. The center now was required to adhere to federal eligibility guidelines.



Fred Ruffing:
"ACCA happened because people wanted it to happen and were able to make it happen."

The Meaningful Minority

*In suburban Washington, D.C., two laymen—
one a Roman Catholic, the other a Lutheran—link members
from a score of churches in effective social action.*



Leadership of ACCA is ecumenical and includes: (top row, from left) Fred Ruffing (Roman Catholic), Mrs. Howard Berckman (United Methodist), Theodore Gleiter (Lutheran), (bottom row, from left) Mrs. Arnold Bueter (Lutheran), Stephen Mohler (United Methodist), and Mrs. Gunnar Thoren (United Presbyterian).

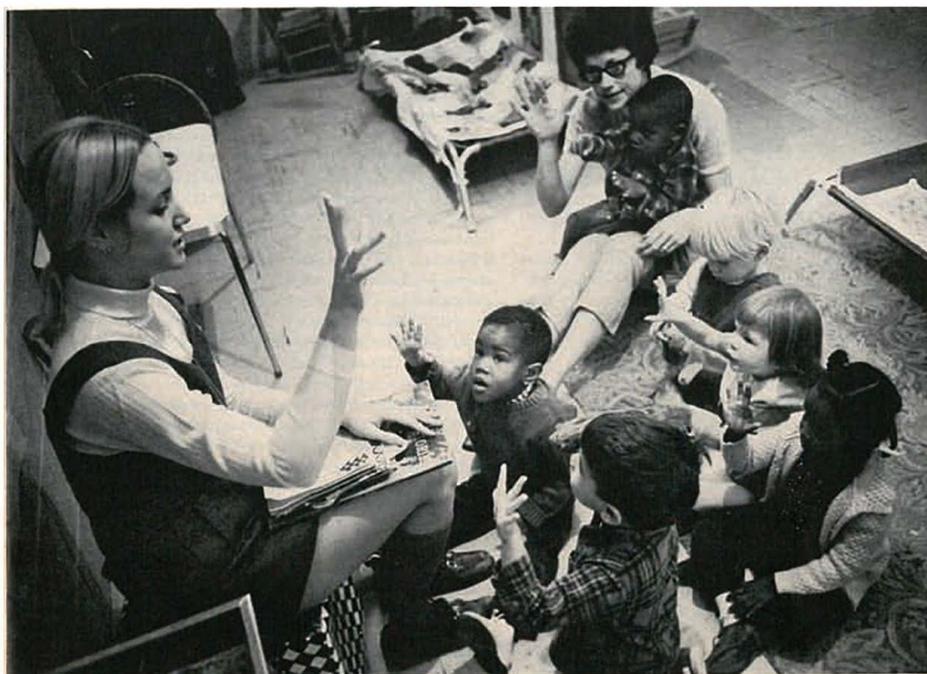
As a result of the success of this joint effort, it was decided that the way to accomplish big projects was if all social action groups from all denominations would pool all their wisdom and energy together. This dream was spread around, but did not get much response. By 1967, thirteen children from Higher Horizons were found not eligible because their income had risen above the established poverty income level. Attempts were made to place these children in other centers, but at that time centers would not accept placement of the Higher Horizons' children.

At this same time, the Ruffings had been attending living room dialogue groups (this was at the height of the ecumenical era). The object of the dialogue groups was to share their various faiths with each other. The dialogue always turned out to be how different everyone was. This was a disappointment and the Ruffings hoped that the group would realize their similarities in their Christian beliefs. It was decided the group needed a common action with a common goal and this would be a good vehicle to start an ecumenical social action group. The Ruffings decided that the plight of the families at Higher Horizons would be the action.



The Ruffings contacted their parish priest at St. Michael's, who shared that the pastors of the local churches met once a month for a brown bag lunch. In March 1967 Fred Ruffing presented a proposal to form this ecumenical social action group by helping the ousted Higher Horizons parents and children. The pastors' group responded with great enthusiasm.

On March 13, 1967, members of the social action groups of eight local churches representing six denominations met to hear and discuss Fred and Emily Ruffing's proposal. The group was enthusiastic and decided to organize itself to meet the challenges of: 1) Placing 13 children ejected from the Higher Horizons Day Care facility; 2) Assisting working and non-working poor in job training and securing affordable "open" housing; and 3) Determining the extent of the unmet day care needs in the area.



A song helps youngsters at the day-care center learn about numbers by counting the fingers shown by their teacher.

The name ACCA – Annandale Christian Community for Action—was adopted and a small group was formed to develop a statement of purpose. ACCA was born!

Submitted by: Emily Ruffing on March 26, 2017

Emelia Ruffing

March 6, 1924 - September 13, 2017

What follows are descriptions of encounters with persons from the ACCA family. They were compiled in summer 2017 by ACCA Board Member, Diane McEldowney



Barbara Daggs

Higher Horizons Veteran

Barbara is a longtime member of the historic Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church and a lifelong resident of the Annandale Community. She had been a faithful volunteer worker with Higher Horizons Child Care Center at Mt. Pleasant when ACCA was founded in 1967. Thus she was part of the original group that provided inspiration, time, and talent to this organization.

Christian outreach was something Barbara learned from her mother. Her childhood home was located near the church. Workers from the city would often wait long hours on the church steps for their rides home, so her mother invited them to her table for a meal. In this way, Barbara met people from many different countries. She has fond memories of the many "international" dinners she shared thanks to her mother's loving generosity. The concept of "neighbor" expanded in her young mind.

Barbara was very involved in ACCA's Child Development Center from the beginning, as well as the Food Ministry and Family Emergency Assistance program. Her husband Jack and son Tyrone, meanwhile, were active in the Furniture Ministry. Back then, Barbara said, everyone did everything. ACCA volunteers shouldered burdens directly, and sometimes had to improvise. An example she gave was when a call came in from a hungry family and Betty Jane Davis took the food cooking from her own stove and delivered it to the family!

Barbara's helping hand was not just a "sometime" thing for her, or a weekend volunteer activity. It was her lifeblood. She was a foster parent many years, welcoming several children with special needs into her family. Her outreach continues today as she works to create new mentoring opportunities in our community and enrichment programs for children.

Barbara is proud of her long association with ACCA, and the chance to serve as Vice President. What impressed her from the beginning was the fact that ACCA's name included the work "action." She said that the community knew that a call to ACCA meant "action" was on the way. As Barbara reflected on the legacy of ACCA, she mentioned Matthew 25, ACCA's guiding principle. She also said she was proud of the ecumenical nature of the organization. The tradition of Christians coming together was celebrated early on at Mt. Pleasant in an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. How fitting that in its 50th year, the 2017 ACCA Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will again be hosted by Barbara's home church, Mt. Pleasant Baptist.



Annandale Christian Community for Action, Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, November 2016



Betty Jane and George Davis

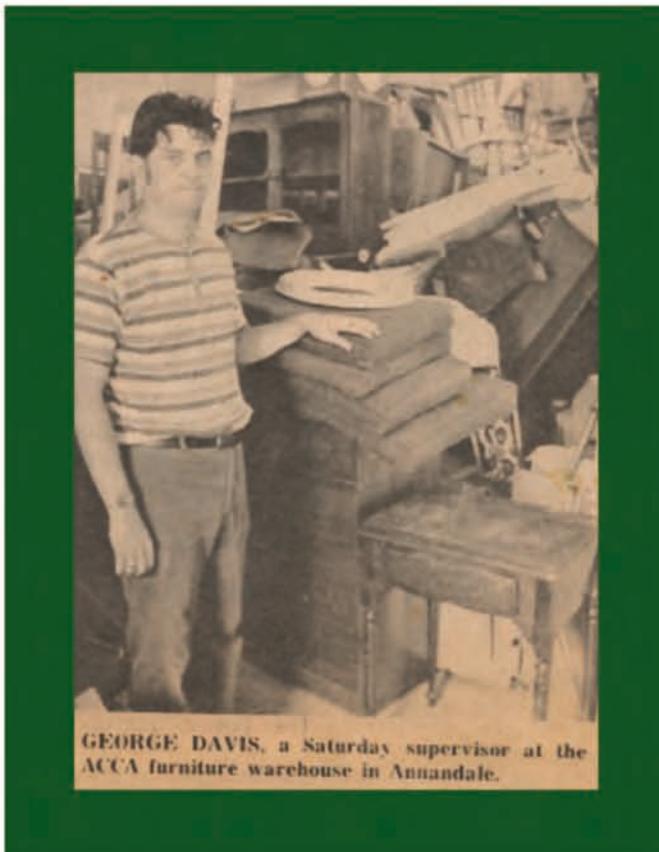
Furniture Ministry and Ruffing Scholarship

George and Betty Jane were inspired by the Kennedy-era focus on community service and social activism. They moved to the DC area in 1962 when George began working with the United States Information Service. It was not long before they met other dedicated Christians in our area, like Emily and Fred Ruffing.

The needs in the community were great in the late 60's, and racial discrimination was rampant. Betty Jane and George threw their hearts into the work of the Christian Family Movement (CFM) of Queen of Apostles Catholic Church. It provided many services to people in need in the community. ACCA was established soon afterward.



(staff photo by Don MacAfee)
COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS — ACCA officers confer at meeting at Lincolnia United Methodist Church. Left to right: Barbara Ostby, president; George Davis, vice president; Lois Ohrmund, secretary; and Ralph Popp, Mission 433 representative.



GEORGE DAVIS, a Saturday supervisor at the ACCA furniture warehouse in Annandale.

As ACCA became established, its missions expanded from the original mission of child care into help with food security and more. George and Betty Jane were active in all ACCA missions, but ultimately took over the Furniture Ministry. The goal of this ministry was to serve the needs of indigent and immigrant families with basic furnishings. This work became a central activity for the Davis household for 19 years. It was no surprise to learn that their children and grandchildren continue as ACCA volunteers. Nor is it a surprise that Betty Jane pursued a social work degree after many years at ACCA.

In the early days of the Furniture Ministry, George and Betty Jane took calls to connect donors of furniture with those in need, so that direct pick-ups could be arranged. Of course, there were many instances where "warehousing" became necessary. Betty Jane related to me the many times when multiple baby cribs (among other items) were stored at their home, and at homes of other ACCA families.



The Furniture Mission was only part of the incredible service legacy of Betty Jane and George. They also established the Fred & Emily Ruffing Scholarship Fund, in honor of ACCA's founders, which continues today to provide grants for college education to local students with disabilities. We applaud the admirable vision, compassion, and service of this couple.





Les & Menandra Whitmore

Faithful ACCA Veterans

This Annandale couple just completed nearly 40 years of service to ACCA. While this fact is clearly laudable, it should be no surprise to those who know Les and Mena. Their dedication to social justice and service to others were the common causes that brought them together.

They met in the 60's in Mexico, where they were serving with a volunteer organization similar to the Peace Corps. At that time, Mena notes, "volunteerism" was a foreign concept to most Peruvians, and she was very impressed. Their life of service as a couple began in Mexico. It wasn't long before they decided to marry and traveled to Mena's native Peru for the ceremony and celebration.

After graduate work at the University of Michigan Les was employed as a tropical forestry expert for the U.S.D.A. and they spent time in tropical postings, including Puerto Rico.

In 1980 Les and Mena moved to our area. With her skill and training in languages and a new master's degree in library science, Mena was employed at the Pentagon Library. She would advance to become its director. Les continued his U.S.D.A. work.

The connection to ACCA came soon after their move. Through St. Anthony Catholic Church members, they were introduced to ACCA. Their service started with the Furniture Ministry. Les served as a Furniture Ministry warehouse supervisor many years. Food deliveries became a regular part of their schedule. They faithfully delivered food to our needy neighbors until 2016.



There was a personal connection that this couple wanted to relate. Mena's sister Hilda, who was a retired teacher, would spend summers volunteering with the ACCA Day Care Center. She spoke little English, but her service was valued greatly and ACCA was able to offer her husband a paying job.

***Thank you,
Les and Mena,
for your many
years
of dedication to
ACCA and its
ministries in
our community!***



A center volunteer, one of many who aid teachers, demonstrates a hand puppet.



Mona and Harold Ottoson

Making a Difference in ACCA's Early Years



Mona and Harold first learned of ACCA in 1973 from their home church, Hope Lutheran, one of the eight founding churches. They soon began eagerly supporting ACCA ministries. At that time the CDC was operating in the John Calvin Presbyterian Church with fewer than 50 students. Before- and aftercare for children was provided at Culmore Methodist Church. It was a very welcome and exciting transition in 1976 when the county offered rooms in the Annandale Elementary School building for the day care program. The building would be shared (the County Archeologist was in the upper story), and there were repairs needed, but the new home was a welcome opportunity for growth.

Mona smiled as she related the pleasure the children and staff had in the wonderful playground, the three large classrooms and a lunchroom! The preschool now had space to enrich and expand the scope of its program. Mona found a satisfying volunteer job helping with the speech therapy program established by Shelly Philberg. It wasn't long before she was in charge of payroll! She must have done a fine job as a volunteer, because she was soon offered a paying job in the office taking care of payroll and other administrative tasks, a job she enjoyed until 1991.

Mona was not just busy with speech therapy and payroll, but served for many years on the CDC Board. She is proud to recall that she was Board President when current CDC Director, Isabel Ballivian, was hired. Mona's husband Harold was also active on the CDC Board and served many years as ACCA Treasurer. In 2004 he accepted the job of ACCA President.

Mona spoke fondly of the early years and the many inspirational people with whom she and Harold worked. She also talked about the early funding challenges and how grateful ACCA was for increased Fairfax County support as the years went on. She also spoke of ACCA and the CDC as proudly championing racial justice in a time when segregation was still acceptable for some of our citizens and discrimination was rampant. Mona and Harold were always proud of the chance to serve over so many years and make a difference in our community.



Norman and Ann Marie Hicks

94 Combined Years of Service and Counting



ONLY 94?! Why not 100 years, since ACCA is 50 years old? The answer is simple – they would have reached 100, except they were out of the county for the first three years of ACCA's existence!

After returning from Ghana in 1970, Norman and Ann Marie connected with ACCA ministries through Queen of Apostles Catholic Church congregant, Diane Gavin. And they jumped in with all four feet. Ann Marie began delivering food immediately, hauling her infant son along for the ride. She soon became involved in Family Emergency Assistance, and spent many years as FEA Chair. Of course, Norman was regularly called into service. In those days, FEA was sometimes a "full-service" operation. Norman recalled shopping for underwear and socks for a released prisoner, and for tools for a homeless construction worker.

As ACCA grew, it became apparent to Norman and others that the financial structure needed changes and upgrades.

There was a huge amount of work keeping track of money flows, county grants and expanding ACCA outreach for financial backing. Norman worked with others over many years to modernize financial procedures. It is no wonder that he spent many subsequent years as ACCA Treasurer. With his expertise and institutional wisdom, it is a blessing that he has been able to continue today as Chair of ACCA's Finance Committee.



Mrs. Emily Ruffing and Ann Marie Hicks with a recent Ruffing Scholarship winner.



Ann Marie's commitment to FEA continued through the years, as has her participation in the Food Ministry. She also has served as the chair of the Emily and Fred Ruffing Scholarship Committee for a number of years. This has been a true labor of love for Ann Marie, since it involves extending a significant helping hand to worthy college-bound students, and also is a poignant legacy of Fred and Emily. We celebrate the Ruffings today -- the extraordinary couple who breathed life in the organization that calls itself ACCA and which celebrates its 50th year in 2017.

Of course Ann Marie and Norman have each served as President of ACCA, and of course they are both still very active after 47 years. Matthew 25 continues to guide this remarkable couple.



Mr. Norman Hicks at the Pastors and Partners Luncheon, October 2012



Ken and Kathy Fredgren

Inspired by the Founders



Ken Fredgren:
ACCA president

As with many of the early ACCA veterans, Kathy and Ken were introduced to ACCA at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church. They found at this parish a cluster of like-minded people who felt the call to social justice loud and clear and were energized to make changes in our community.

Ken was no stranger to social activism in the name of Christian values. Ken spoke of his grandfather, working with the railroad in Minnesota, who made an unpopular, but principled, stand against discrimination. During his childhood he remembers his mother's continued involvement in demonstrations against racial injustice in Oklahoma City. It is no wonder that at the University of Oklahoma he was a leader in campaigns for social justice, including housing discrimination.

Arriving in our area in the mid-60's amid the social turmoil, Kathy and Ken quickly engaged in volunteer activities to help the poor and disenfranchised. At this time the African American citizens were segregated in areas where roads were not even paved! Kathy immersed herself in the Family Emergency Assistance Committee. As the ACCA core group crystallized, Ken became a leading voice. It was not a surprise to learn that his name is on the 1967 ACCA Articles of Incorporation.

Ken served as the third president of ACCA. During his years housing was a huge priority. He helped establish an investment program to help families buy homes. Ken was also instrumental in smoothing the road for the CDC to get firm connections with the county.

Ken and Kathy spoke fondly of the early ACCA group whose extraordinary passion fueled its launch and sustained it in early difficult times. They felt gratitude for the companionship and partnership of inspirational leaders such as Emily and Fred Ruffing, Ted Gleiter, and others. Ken and Kathy have no intention of retiring from their Matthew 25 commitment. They represent a community of Christian leaders seeking to "do what Jesus would do" that should continue to inspire us today.





Shannon Rousos, Andrew Reed and Miles Reed

A Family of Alums



Shannon, Andres and Miles are all alums of the Child Development Center. The story begins with Shannon in the early 1990's. Before she was married, Shannon worked full time at the CDC, and while in graduate school continued on a part-time basis. Then came married life and her first-born, Andrew.

As a working mom, Shannon engaged a recommended neighborhood childcare worker to care for Andrew. Unfortunately, she soon learned that the quality of care was unacceptable. Shannon was in a panic. She needed her job, but the welfare of her child was of paramount importance. She called Emily Ruffing and pleaded her case, knowing that the CDC was popular and had a waiting list. Emily understood her situation and arranged a place for Andrew immediately. Despite the long commute from home to CDC to work and back again, Shannon was grateful for the quality care she knew she could count on. Andrew would spend all five pre-kindergarten years at the CDC. Miles, Shannon's second son, came along five years after Andrew, and Shannon eagerly enrolled

Miles in the quality infant-toddler program. Miles would also remain with the CDC during his entire pre-K years.

The three alums recently had a chance to visit the CDC. Ms. Jennifer and Ms. Carol were delighted to be on hand to greet them and Director Isabel took them on a tour "down memory lane." Smiles were not in short supply as they went from room to room. They were interested to note things that had changed, but the three delighted in recalling places, people and "landmarks" that brought back happy memories. Ms. Jennifer's painted door was one such joyful find.

This CDC reunion was certainly a happy day with Shannon, Andres and Miles all reaffirming their affection and gratitude for an institution that supported them so well during important years in their lives.



The Lai Family Story

Helping Hands and Hard Work

Americans love the Horatio Alger scenario: “Rags to Riches.” As the story goes, if you work hard enough, you can pull yourself up by your bootstraps. In other words, in America, anything is possible and hard work brings success.

But truth be told, the reality is not secure nor glamorous. Feature this: The Lais, a Vietnamese family of eight – father, mother, four girls and two boys living in a one-bedroom apartment in Culmore. And with no jobs, no furniture, no prospects. The mother is desperate, and prays a new prayer – to the Virgin Mother. It does seem like a miracle to her that she is soon connected with St. Anthony parishioners who help in ways large and small.

Through St. Anthony’s, the family met Betty Jane and George Davis who helped ACCA mobilize to get this family food and furniture. What Lieu Lai most remembers as a very young girl is the bunk bed that ACCA delivered. That bunk bed brought her such joy and relief. She felt that she could relax and dream and she knew that everything would be okay.

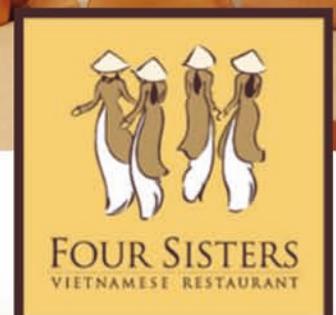
That initial helping hand was a sustained helping hand. ACCA stayed by the side of this family and watched as their dedication to their new-found faith, their love of family, and their sustained hard work brought them success after success.

It started with a confident entrepreneurial spirit, a willingness to work very hard, and a love of cooking. The family was able to open a small hotdog stand in the District.

Long hours with all the family participating made the one hotdog stand a success and offered the possibility of expanding. More hotdog stands, more long hours for everyone (even restless teenagers!) and then a risky gamble to rent a space in Eden Center.

More hard work and reliance on both the wonderful cooking of Mom and the handyman skills of “McGyver Dad” brought success and some fame to the “Four Sisters” restaurant in Eden Center. The next move to Merrifield was another gamble that paid off.

The Lai family, once destitute and reliant upon help from ACCA, is now running four thriving businesses. But they haven’t forgotten where they came from. At every turn they express gratitude to God for their good fortune. And thanks also to ACCA, an important helping hand those many years ago that set them on a positive course to their successful future. George and Betty Jane Davis and that first bunk bed are never forgotten.





Dr. Marian (“Mixie”) M. Houk

Child Development Center Director, 1972 – 1998



It is a challenge to summarize the accomplishments in Mixie’s amazing life of service. During her professional life she has received numerous awards and special recognitions for scholarship and for service. She has been an educator of educators and an astute and tireless advocate for children. She became ACCA’s Child Development Center Director after a successful teaching career at the University of Virginia.

One of Mixie’s students, Pat Roland, was the first CDC Director and recruited Mixie, saying: “YOU need to have MY job.” After investigating ACCA, Mixie was inspired and ready to change careers. “I was hooked,” she said, and for 27 years the CDC received the blessings of that decision.

Since Mixie was there at the early stages, her initiatives were very important. She crafted and cemented the relationship of ACCA to the county by connecting with officials and demonstrating the needs of young children. Because of her efforts and of others in ACCA,

the child care subsidy program was established. Her relentless advocacy was noted by all.

When the former elementary school building on Columbia Pike became available, many businesses in the area were very interested. Because of the groundwork laid by Mixie and the needs demonstrated, Fairfax County decided to make the school available to ACCA.



As the center established itself in its new home, Mixie was busy designing and adding special services to aid the children. The center began using the Head Start curriculum. Visits by speech and physical therapists were added. Art, music and dance experiences were organized by Mixie and Emily Ruffing. Mona Ottoson and Gloria Thorson, key members of the staff, continuously improved accounting and management procedures. Community members were enlisted to offer enrichment to the children, such as visits by the famous “story lady” – Eleanor Schaefer. Field trips were organized to expose the children to the richness of their capital city. Parent education was offered. Mixie proved herself a true champion for the children, but she was also an advocate for the teachers. Her priorities were continuing education for teachers and fair salaries.



These are but a few highlights of a remarkable life of service. In concluding the conversation about her many years at the CDC, Mixie talked about Emily Ruffing. Her admiration for Emily knows no bounds. Mixie feels that Emily's spiritual guidance and strength were key in shaping the CDC into the institution it is today.

Looking back on the many workplaces and challenges she has undertaken in her life, Mixie said, "The richest years of my life were at the CDC." Our response must be: Thank you for such a rich legacy!





Backpacks and Gold Coins...



Many years ago the family emergency captain faced a dilemma. The budget for family Christmas presents and holiday meals was exhausted when the captain learned of more families in need. No time was wasted wondering what to do, because immediately there was a call from Emily Ruffing. Emily said that a large donation of gifts had just been received. Not only was the timing fortuitous, the gifts fit the ages of the children in the needy families perfectly! That left the problem of holiday meals. A decision was made to "borrow" money from January's FEA budget. Ending the year "in the red" was an act of faith that was rewarded. Prior to midnight mass at St. Anthony Church, Father Bryan Heir presented the FEA captain with a surprise. Someone had given the church a donation packaged, of all things, in a red velvet box! Inside that red velvet box were 12 gold coins -- coins whose value matched exactly the sum spent on the Christmas holiday meals! How can anyone not be reminded of the Gift of the Magi!



CDC Director Isabel Ballivian has numerous stories of God's grace still at work. Here is a recent one. The 2017 backpack drive for CDC children was very successful, with every child receiving a new backpack. However, Isabel became aware of a CDC family whose older children were without backpacks and with no prospects for purchasing new ones. Before she could put out a call for help, the doors of the CDC opened and someone arrived carrying backpacks to donate! Isabel says, while this may seem astonishing, she has experienced similar situations often enough to continue to "expect miracles."

... God's Grace Continues to Work Among Us

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- 1973---George Davis**
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Peace Lutheran Church
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