

ACCA will collect gently-used outerwear in December and January. Coats, hoodies and sweatshirts are needed for the day laborers and our homeless neighbors.

Fairfax County's Hypothermia Sheltering season starts on December 1 and ends on March 31. Churches and groups are invited to cook meals and fill food bags for the program participants. The Baileys Crossroads Community Shelter will coordinate volunteer groups.

FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 3	St. Anthony Catholic & Annandale High School
October 10	St. Barnabas Episcopal & Cornerstone Evangelical
October 17	St. Michael Catholic & Holy Spirit Catholic
October 24	CLOSED FOR ANNANDALE PARADE
October 31	Latter Day Saints & Sambo Group
November 7	St. Albans Episcopal & Annandale United Methodist/Immanuel
November 14	Providence Presbyterian & John Calvin Presbyterian
November 21	St. Anthony Catholic & Annandale High School
November 28	CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY WEEKEND
December 5	St. Barnabas Episcopal & Cornerstone Evangelical

ACCA's website: www.accacares.org

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 6, 2015
St. Alban Episcopal Church
6800 Columbia Pike
Annandale VA 22003
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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CROP HUNGER WALK PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 17

The 2015 Annandale CROP Hunger Walk will be held at Lake Accotink Park on Saturday, October 17. Registration will start at 8 am near the Marina. The walk raises funds for Church World Service (CWS) and raises awareness about



hunger. CWS works with Christian organizations around the world to sponsor programs for hunger, disaster and refugee relief and development to help improve peoples' lives—such as providing wells in Kenya and farming tools in Latin America. In the United States, CWS responds to natural disasters and supports refugee resettlement. CWS returns part of the funds raised by CROP Walks to community efforts to fight hunger and poverty. The 2014 Annandale CROP Walk raised \$18,940, and CWS returned \$4,735 to ACCA. For more information or to participate, please contact the recruiter at your church or contact Camille at accacrop@gmail.com or 703 573-0074.

Youth are invited to make CROP Hunger Walk posters. The posters should be about hunger or fighting poverty and include information about the Annandale Walk. Posters should be no larger than 14" x 22". Please mark the artist's name, grade and church on the back. Posters should be brought to the ACCA Child Development Center, 7200 Columbia Pike, by October 8.

ACCA PARTICIPATES IN WORKPLACE GIVING CAMPAIGNS

Workplace giving campaigns will begin in the next few weeks. As you make your decisions about donating to the campaigns, please consider designating the Annandale Christian Community for Action. Your gift will help ACCA provide emergency assistance, quality childcare and other support to our needy neighbors. ACCA's United Way number is 8058. ACCA's Combined Federal Campaign number is 58934.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER RECEIVES QUALITY RATING

The ACCA CDC toddler and preschool classrooms received



a 4-star rating from the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation for commitment to continuous quality improvement. The Virginia Star Quality Initiative is a tool to help parents to make informed decisions about early care and education programs. In a new initiative this summer, the ACCA CDC offered a three-week school readiness camp to help children who had completed the CDC preschool program prepare for kindergarten. The children worked with new teachers and classmates, and took field trips to various museums and local businesses.

EMILY AND FRED RUFFING SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTS STUDENTS

Congratulations to Esraa Mahran, the new Ruffing Scholar. Esraa is a graduate of Jeb Stuart High School. ACCA continues to support three other students with their studies in the 2015-2016 academic year--Genesis Andia, Darling Lievano-Perez and Raymond Phung. All four Ruffing scholars are attending George Mason University this fall. The scholarship honors ACCA founders Emily Ruffing and the late Fred Ruffing. It is awarded to a student who has worked to meet the challenge of a disability and needs financial assistance. You can support the Emily and Fred Ruffing Scholarship fund by sending a check payable to ACCA, designating the Ruffing Scholarship, to ACCA at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

ACCA PARTICIPATES IN GOVERNOR'S DAY TO SERVE

ACCA volunteers will collect food for the ACCA Food Pantry on Saturday, September 26, 10 am – 2 pm. ACCA thanks the Annandale Giant, Bradlick Center Giant, Annandale Safeway and Landmark Plaza Shoppers Food Warehouse for hosting the food collection. Please give when you shop.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD VOLUNTEER RECOGNIZED

We congratulate Annandale High School 2015 graduate Soriya de Lopez, who received this year's Volunteer Making A Difference Award. ACCA thanks Ms. Jina Kim of the Evergreen Title Company for her sponsorship of this award that recognizes volunteer service.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Communications Committee—

A new brochure is available to assist individuals considering a bequest to ACCA.

Family Emergency Assistance—

ACCA served 19 households in July, with a total of \$10,878 in assistance for rents, utilities and medical expenses, and served 34 households with assistance totaling \$18,774 in August. Among others, ACCA helped a single mother with five children who needed utility assistance and a homeless person who needed gas so he could get to his job.

Food Pantry—

Pantry volunteers made 82 deliveries assisting 219 individuals in July, and 62 deliveries assisting 152 individuals in August. ACCA thanks the Annandale United FC Pride soccer program, which collected almost 2000 pounds of food for the pantry. We thank the Annandale Rotary Club, which donated \$1,000 to ACCA to help the Food Pantry purchase fresh food. The pantry needs jelly, crackers, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, paper products and soap.

Furniture—

In July, the Furniture ministry completed 21 deliveries and 32 pickups. Although the warehouse was closed in August, volunteers completed 12 pickups and 2 deliveries. The ministry helped a disabled veteran, a family of five and an Oxford Group home resident, among others.

Meals-On-Wheels—

Volunteers delivered a total of 958 meals to 25 recipients in July, and 1068 meals to 32 recipients in August.

IN MEMORIAM

ACCA is sorry to note the recent passing of Carlos Alfredo Rackowski, son of Jean and Henry Rackowski. Jean chairs the ACCA Food Pantry. We also mourn the loss of Derek Edward Mohlmann, son of Neal and Nancy Mohlmann. Neal serves as Vice President of ACCA.

COMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

ACCA's Annual Pastors and Partners Luncheon will be held Thursday, October 22 at Annandale United Methodist Church.

ACCA supporters can celebrate the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays by helping some neighbors to have a better holiday. Families and groups can adopt a family for one or both of the holidays, providing groceries for the holiday meals and gifts for children at Christmas. School social workers or liaisons make most referrals for assistance. Please call 703 256-9513 or email ddmld@verizon.net if you would like to sponsor a family.