

FURNITURE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

- January 17 Providence Presbyterian/ John Calvin Presbyterian
- January 24 St. Michael/ Holy Spirit Catholic
- January 31 St. Barnabas Episcopal/ Cornerstone Evangelical/
St. Paul Episcopal

- February 7 Latter Day Saints/ Sambo Group
- February 14 St. Alban Episcopal/ Annandale United Methodist
- February 21 Providence Presbyterian/John Calvin Presbyterian
- February 28 St. Anthony Catholic/ Rotary Club

ACCA's website: www.accacares.org

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 3, 2015
ACCA Child Development Center
7200 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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ACCA
Annandale Christian Community for Action

NEWS

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

January 2015

CHALLENGE GRANT CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

ACCA's challengers have pledged more than ever to encourage donors to give to our annual Challenge Grant Campaign. The Washington Forrest Foundation and several anonymous donors began the campaign with pledges totaling \$43,000. ACCA's goal is to raise an additional \$129,000, for a total of \$172,000. Donations will help ACCA provide emergency assistance and other critical services to neighbors in need so they can pay rent and avoid eviction, ensure that utilities stay on, and receive groceries and household furnishings. ACCA also provides high-quality developmental child care for infants and preschool children, enabling their parents to work and to give their young ones a fair start in school and in life.

Our Challenge Grant Campaign is a critical source of funding. Please consider making a contribution to ACCA by January 31, 2015. Checks may be made payable to ACCA, designating "Challenge Grant." Please mail checks to ACCA at 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale VA 22003. You can also donate online through the ACCA website, <http://www.accacares.org> or through the Catalogue for Philanthropy website under ACCA's profile, at <http://www.cfp-dc.org/nonprofits/Annandale-Christian-Community-for-Action-ACCA>. We thank all who have donated to this year's campaign.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVES PROVIDE WARM OUTER WEAR

ACCA's winter clothing drive in December was very successful. Over 100 big bags of warm outer wear garments were gathered from eight churches. Volunteers sorted coats, sweaters, hats, gloves and more, and gave these items to day laborers, Baileys Crossroads Community Shelter residents and children of the ACCA Child Development Center. The Holy Spirit Catholic Church youth group was among groups collecting the outer wear, and the project was a good chance for the youth group to serve the community. ACCA thanks everyone who contributed clothing or time to this effort.

ACCA will have a second collection of winter outer wear clothing February 7th through 12th. The clothing will again be given to men day



laborers and to men and women at the shelter and children at the Child Development Center. Requested winter clothing includes jackets and coats, hooded sweat shirts, heavy sweaters, stocking type hats, gloves and heavy scarves. Please no dress coats or suits. Clothing can be left at the ACCA warehouse on Saturday morning February 7th, or by special arrangement and pick up during the week February 9-12 by contacting the Di Sprito's at 703-256-9513 or email DDMLD@verizon.net and dondisprito@verizon.net. Collected items will be distributed on Friday morning, February 13th.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The ACCA Food Pantry is seeking volunteers to serve as Food Captains to help with managing and referring for delivery food requests submitted to ACCA by Fairfax County. The pantry also needs volunteer drivers to make deliveries to people in parts of Alexandria, Annandale and Baileys Crossroads. For more information, please contact ACCA at accacares@verizon.net.

CROP WALK FIGHTS HUNGER AND POVERTY

The Annandale CROP Hunger Walk, held October 18, 2014, brought together people from ACCA churches to raise funds for Church World Service programs for hunger and disaster relief, sustainable development and refugee assistance. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova and Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross helped send the walkers off to the Lake Accotink Trail. While a few additional donations are expected, the 2014 CROP Hunger Walk had raised \$13,940 as of the end of December. Walkers and volunteers from 15 ACCA churches participated. Many thanks to everyone who made a donation, walked or volunteered. We also thank the children who made posters for the walk.



NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Communications Committee—

Volunteers are needed to take pictures at ACCA-related activities. If you or someone you know has a digital camera and likes taking pictures of people, please contact Martha Romans at mromans@verizon.net. Copies of the ACCA brochure with annual accomplishments are available at the Child Development Center. ACCA's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ACCACares>) continues to provide

information about ACCA activities. ACCA's Facebook page now has a "Donate" tab, which links to the ACCA PayPal page, and a tab for the Amazon Smile program. ACCA receives .5% of your purchase from the Amazon Foundation when you order through Amazon Smile. There is no additional cost to you. ACCA also posts to twitter, at <https://twitter.com/ACCACares>.

Family Emergency Assistance—

In December, ACCA provided a total of \$34,400 in emergency assistance to 70 households for rent, utilities, medical and other urgent needs. This amount included use of over \$4000 in United Way grant funds, which allowed the program to give more households rental assistance. ACCA served a single mother with two children who needed help with the utility bill. ACCA paid the rent for a single mother with four children; the mother had been unable to work because of an accident at work. ACCA also paid overdue rent for a family with three small children whose father is unemployed and whose mother had been on bed rest and unable to work.

Food Pantry—

The Pantry made 104 deliveries in December assisting 323 individuals, and also assisted with 26 Christmas baskets. The Food Pantry Committee appreciates the Annandale Lions Club's donation of fresh oranges and grapefruit. Thanks to all the churches for their continued support of the pantry. The pantry especially needs donations of small bags of rice, dried black beans, cereal, jelly, canned fruit, cookies, and crackers.

Furniture—

The Furniture Program completed deliveries to 32 households and 28 pickups during three weeks in December. Two of the deliveries were to apartments that had almost no furniture.

Meals-On-Wheels—

During December 2014, the Annandale Meals on Wheels weekday program was able to deliver a total of 696 meals to 21 clients.

Transportation—

In December, volunteer drivers provided 7 rides for 7 clients.