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ORCA's "CHANGE FOR CHARITY" IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

BY: KATHY SANCHEZ

Have you seen these plastic boxes at many local stores, restaurants, car shops... and even at the Ocean Ridge Golf Pro Shop?

These merchants graciously allow Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA) some counter space. And their terrific customers have filled the boxes... time and time again. Our neighborhood volunteers collect the donations which are then distributed to the various Brunswick County nonprofits supported by ORCA.



Since inception in 2018, more than 100 local merchants have allowed ORCA to place boxes at their locations. And we have collected more than \$26,000 to help families in need.

The 2023 donations will be split among four food banks:

- Brunswick Family Assistance
- Matthew's Ministry
- South Brunswick Interchurch Council
- Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center

So the next time you see an ORCA box at your favorite local restaurant, store, or merchant; feel free to drop a few coins or dollars in the slot. Your generosity can make a *big difference!*

ORCA ACTIVITIES AND EVENTScont'd**2023 ORCA ANNUAL APPEAL:
SERVING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

BY: KATHY SANCHEZ

Please watch your mailbox for the 2023 Ocean Ridge Charities Association's (ORCA) Annual Appeal: "Serving Basic Human Needs in Brunswick County". Historically, this is our largest internal fundraiser.

As the only 501© 3 non-profit, tax-exempt corporation established within our Ocean Ridge community, ORCA has raised more than \$1.3 million dollars in cash and commodities since 2010. Those dollars are funneled back into Brunswick County through charities vetted to ensure their compliance with state and local requirements. In addition, through our liaison relationships, each charity is required to clearly define their needs and then provide feedback as to "how" they used our contributions. So a financial gift through ORCA gets to those most in need.

For this Annual Appeal, we have identified four charities that currently need our help in "Serving Basic Human Needs in Brunswick County":

Brunswick County Homeless Coalition

South Brunswick Interchurch Council—The Lords Food Pantry

WARM—Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry

Waves4Kids

Each has identified a pressing need which is detailed in the mailing. These requests range from rental assistance for families facing rising housing costs, to Christmas Dinner Boxes, to safety grab bars for low income/elderly homeowners with urgent repair needs, to everyday supplies for children recently entering foster care.

We have made giving easy... the mailing includes a return envelope or you can use a credit card by clicking on the PayPal button on our website at: www.orcharities.org

Together, the Ocean Ridge community can have a large impact in Brunswick County. Thank you for your support!

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ORCA ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAVORITES COMING SOON!!

BY: KATHY SANCHEZ

Join your neighbors for these annual holiday favorites sponsored by Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA). All proceeds benefit Brunswick Electric's 'Warm Homes, Warm Hearts' program to help those in need of heating assistance. And Brunswick Electric will match our donations... doubling the impact! Watch for more info on each event.

November 4 Annual Arts & Crafts Fair

Nature Pavilion: 11AM-2PM

Purchase beautiful items crafted by OR residents.

Raffle tickets also available for a chance to win a spectacular handmade Christmas quilt.

December 2 Holiday Marketplace Raffle

Nature Pavilion: 11AM-2PM

Purchase raffle tickets and take a chance on winning fabulous items handmade or donated by OR residents.

Still gratefully soliciting donations! Contact Cathy Benton @ cbbenton2@gmail.com

Christmas quilt drawing will also be held here.

December 2 Light Up the Night

Your driveway! 5PM-8PM

Luminaries will be available for purchase from Nov 6th-20th at several OR porches

December 3 Holiday Open House Tours

Locations TBA: 5PM-8PM

Wristbands for entry will be available for purchase prior to the event.