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A recent front page, headline story in the Wilmington Star News reported that some 250 Brunswick County school children are actually homeless. Not long ago, nearly 65% of all kids in our school system were so poor that they were eligible for free and reduced price school meals. According to recent statistics, 30.1% of local children live at or below the poverty line. 34% of all Brunswick County kids reside in single parent households. 16.1% are victims of child abuse or neglect and over 10% are in the custody of the Department of Social Services.

So many of our county's children are among the most vulnerable, at-risk populations. And that's why ORCA--the **Ocean Ridge Charities Association**—has dedicated its 2015 Annual Fundraising Campaign to helping Kids in Crisis.

For the past five years ORCA—with the generous support from neighbors and friends—has raised over \$125,000 for nearly 25 Brunswick County charities that provide many of life's essentials to needy residents. Through events such as Bistro Nite and the Trivia Championship along with fundraising efforts like our community cookbook, our memorial fund and this direct mail appeal, together we've helped give a measure of hope to those who so desperately need it.

For that support, which has been so indispensable to our philanthropic success, we say to our past donors.....

THANK YOU!

This fall, our 2015 Annual Fundraising Campaign is dedicated to helping children by raising funds for three well respected local charities: Providence Home, Waves4kids and the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw.

- **The Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw** is dedicated to providing a comprehensive array of residential and community-based services to meet the needs of vulnerable children by addressing their physical, emotional, social, educational and spiritual development. Since 1954 this facility, has been a sanctuary for hurting children--a safe place for young people who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or other family dysfunction. The Home, which sits on a 140 acre campus, serves children and teenagers ages 6 to 21 who are in need of long-term placement--preferably at least one school year--due to family difficulties, parental incapacity or unmanageable behavioral problems.
- Now in its 17th year of operation, **Providence Home** has provided shelter, food and clothing while attending to the medical, educational and spiritual needs for several hundred Brunswick County youths ages 10 to 17. These kids--because of an emergency, high-risk or crisis situation--cannot remain with their families. The Home provides short term care of up to 90 days to allow them and their families an opportunity to work on the problems which led to the child being placed out of the home.

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- Founded in 2004, **Waves4kids** is an all-volunteer charity dedicated to providing financial support and essential services to satisfy the unmet needs of children associated with Child Protective Services and Foster Care in Brunswick County, NC. Among the items provided to these displaced children are school supplies, computers, sports equipment, medical and therapeutic devices, clothing, tutoring and aids for doing schoolwork, tuition for summer Camps as well as scholarships to high school seniors in Brunswick County that meet certain criteria. Currently Waves4kids serves more than 1000 youth and their families or foster parents.

Just recently, ORCA hosted its annual Bistro Nite fundraiser. Thanks to our songstress Maggi Edwards, our volunteers and over 130 patrons, we raised nearly \$3,500 towards our \$10,000 goal. We did well, but we need to do more. And that's where you come in.

If you were unable to come to Bistro Nite or would just like to make an additional donation, we could really use your help. **Please do whatever you can--\$25, \$50, \$100 or more—because every little bit helps. Just enclose your check (made out to ORCA) or cash contribution in the envelope provided.**

By the way, for a contribution of \$25 you and the Bistro Nite attendees will be eligible for a drawing for a foursome (including carts) on your choice of any of Ocean Ridge's four golf courses, courtesy of Ocean Ridge Golf. And for every \$25 you give, you'll be entered in that drawing again. To be eligible for the drawing, please mail your check no later than November 30.

Help us support these three worthy charities by making a contribution to ORCA's fall fund-raising campaign.

On behalf of the ORCA Board of Directors, thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and for your continuing support.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Gildea
President
Ocean Ridge Charities Association, Inc.

P.S. Enclosed is a list of the local businesses which are ORCA Corporate Sponsors. Each year they donate to your neighborhood charity. We sincerely hope that, when you are in the market for local goods and services, you will consider patronizing these supporters.