

ORCA Charity Highlight Series  
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As ORCA approaches its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it's a good time to reflect on some of the great charity work that you, the Ocean Ridge residents, have done over that time period. To that end, we are planning some activities, but would like to take the opportunity throughout this year to highlight some of the charities we all support and the kind of differences you have made in many, many lives. Here are 2 of those charities.

**New Hope Clinic**

Many residents of Brunswick County cannot afford basic healthcare, even with the Affordable Care Act. They need a place to come where they can obtain the care they need and that they can afford.

Located in Boiling Springs, New Hope Clinic is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that serves Brunswick County residents. They offer core medical services, but also offer specially clinics for podiatry, chiropractic, dermatology, EKG, dental, diabetes treatment, medial eye care, mental health screening and a Pharmacy Assistance Program.

Their mission is to provide basic medical and dental care, diagnostic services and prescription drugs to low income, uninsured adult residents and to enhance the quality of life, while preserving the privacy and dignity of every patient.

They have a staff or over 140 volunteers, including doctors, dentists, FNP's, PA's, pharmacists, nurses, EMT's, and support personnel contribute over 10,000 hours to treat over 1,200 patients each year.

Their vision is to strive to serve the health care needs of Brunswick County residents and continue to increase their healthcare services.

Thanks to your generosity, ORCA has been able to contribute \$16,275 to New Hope Clinic, helping thousands of needy patients in Brunswick County. To learn more, visit them at <http://newhopeclinicfree.org/>.



### **Brunswick County StreetReach, Inc. (BCSTR)**

Based in Shallotte, Brunswick County StreetReach describes themselves as an Interfaith Sheltering Program to the less fortunate. They offer programs to give a holistic approach that will help meet spiritual, physical and emotional needs as they offer an atmosphere of dignity and respect.

Their mission is to unite the community of Inter Faith churches, non-profits, social services, law enforcement, civic groups and the community to improve the lives of the hungry and the homeless in our county. Their reach includes the disabled, veterans, and those with mental illness. Almost half of their clients are female.

There are no paid staff and all services are provided by volunteers and donations.

During 2014, StreetReach met the needs of their clients with a variety of goods and services including:

- Serving almost 3,000 meals, and distributing over 700 bagged lunches on streets and encampments
- Providing showers, clothing, tents, blankets, sleeping bags, food cards, and hygiene products
- Sheltering at host sites with an average of 3 – 4 days stay
- Providing 35 nights for 29 individuals in motel accommodations

StreetReach is also focused on helping to prevent homelessness. Their efforts include the following:

- Rental or utility assistance to help prevent eviction
- Purchasing bus tickets to enable clients to travel to be with loved ones

In January 2014, on your behalf, ORCA presented a check to StreetReach for \$4,000. This money was specifically used to benefit Brunswick County residents who are military veterans and who were homeless and in need of physical or medical assistance. To date, thanks to your generosity, ORCA has contributed \$5,200. To learn more, visit them at <http://www.bcstreetreach.org/>.



*THANK YOU, Ocean Ridge Residents. You are doing great charity work!*

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