



ANOTHER BANNER YEAR FOR ORCA

The Ocean Ridge Charities Association closed out another record year in 2013 raising over \$30,000 in charitable donations and in-kind contributions from our community and our corporate sponsors.

ORCA's fall campaign to assist veterans in need was a huge part of that success generating almost \$11,000 for two local veterans support organizations. That effort included three elements: the "show your colors" patriotic ribbons (\$1,700 from 170 donors); the Bistro cabaret sellout (\$4,100 from 140 patrons), and; the community-wide direct mail appeal (over \$5,500 in contributions from 80 contributors). Overall, nearly 400 Ocean Ridgers donated to the veterans' assistance effort.

Another milestone for 2013--total ORCA fundraising topped \$70,000 in a little more than three years since ORCA began its charitable work. Besides the veterans campaign, in 2013 the always popular March Trivia Nite earned over \$4,000 while ORCA's new Memorial Giving Fund (where donor contributions are matched dollar for dollar up to \$100 per household per year) also earned over \$4,000 from 61 donors in just its first year! At the same time, corporate sponsorships nearly doubled raising over \$7,000 in monetary and in-kind assistance.

As a result, ORCA was able to assist nearly 20 Brunswick County charities and non-profits—it's largest number to date. Recipients included: the Boys and Girls Home of N.C.; Brunswick Community College Foundation (the Ocean Ridge/David Kelly Nursing Endowment); Habitat for Humanity; Hope Harbor; Matthew's Ministry; Museum of Coastal Carolina; New Hope Clinic; N.C. Coastal Land Trust; Pretty in Pink; Providence Home; Red Cross (Lower Cape Fear Region); SECU Hospice House; StreetReach; Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center, and; Waves 4 K.I.D.S.

None of this could have been accomplished without the generosity of Ocean Ridge residents, our corporate sponsors and the hard work of the ORCA Board of Directors and our volunteers. To all of them.....THANK YOU for your incredible kindness and support. For the complete summary of ORCA's work in 2013, keep an eye out for our Annual Report coming soon to a mailbox near you.

Next on our schedule—Trivia Nite IV scheduled for Saturday March 29th at the Plantation Club, proceeds to benefit the Brunswick County Homeless Coalition. Sign ups are now available [HERE](#). For more information about ORCA, go to www.orcharities.org.

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