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Streetreach/Building Hope Ministries Receives Its First “Big Give” *ORCA’S Charitable Spirit Knows No Boundaries!*

It started in October 2017 with the Ocean Ridge Charities Association’s hands-on Make A Difference Day activity, *Ocean Ridge Goes M.A.D.D. Chipping in for Charity*, and ended 10 months later when ORCA surprised Reverend Donna and Gary Phelps of Building Hope Ministries / Streetreach with a check for \$10,000. Reverend Donna’s look of astonishment was a gift to all the ORCA board members who were a part of making this donation possible. *“This financial gift was the largest we have ever received at one time, and the incredible support helps us continue in our mission to help the most vulnerable among us.”*

The funding for the donation was the result of ORCA’s community-wide endeavor which was selected from nearly 800 projects that took place on October 28, 2017. Make A Difference Day partners Arby’s Foundation and Points of Light honored Ocean Ridge as one of the thirteen National award winners to receive a \$10,000 grant from Arby’s Foundation. And the ORCA board members wanted to continue to make a difference in their community, so they passed this windfall on to the Building Hope Ministries / Streetreach’s Vehicle Fund. Rev. Donna shared, *“Our current van is 13 years old and without a new one, we couldn’t feed the hungry, transport the homeless, transport the youths to summer camps or visit and share the Gospel with the inmates. ORCA truly has no idea how many people will be touched by this seed you have planted, here on earth and eternally.”*

Whether it’s starting a project that helps one person or working on one that benefits a whole community, every contribution makes a difference. The residents of Ocean Ridge Plantation were amongst the many volunteers across the country giving of their time to help make an impact on their community and their efforts for that day were gifts that keeps on giving. Rev. Donna sums it up beautifully, *“It is such an honor to know that there are still caring and compassionate people willing to help the less fortunate, and not ask anything in return.”*

The Ocean Ridge Charities Association Inc. is a non-profit, tax exempt corporation established within the community of Ocean Ridge Plantation to identify charitable needs within Brunswick County and to support them through increased fundraising and volunteer participation.

ORCA is a tax exempt, non-profit corporation situated within the Ocean Ridge Plantation development in southeast Brunswick County, a community that is home to nearly 700 full and part-time households with nearly 1,300 residents. To learn more about ORCA go to www.orcharities.org or contact the organization at orcharities@gmail.com

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