

ORCA DONATES OVER \$8,000 TO THE NEW HOPE CLINIC

The Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA), recently donated \$8,200 to the New Hope Clinic located in nearby Boiling Springs. New Hope is the county's only comprehensive free clinic that provides basic medical and dental care as well as diagnostic services and prescription drugs to low income, uninsured residents of Brunswick County.

The money raised came from ORCA's Fall fundraising campaign which included the Bistro Deux event and a community-wide direct mail appeal according to Judy Cunningham, an ORCA Board member who chaired Bistro Deux. "Many months ago, several ORCA board members toured the clinic and we came away very impressed" said Cunningham. "Here's a community service organization that has over 185 volunteers--doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, EMTs, administrative support personnel and many others--who contribute over 10,000 volunteer hours servicing over 6,000 patient interactions to nearly 1,200 individuals each year" added her husband Mike Cunningham, also an ORCA Board member.

According to ORCA president Mike Gildea who coordinated the direct mail outreach "New Hope had a wish list that included badly needed medical equipment, funds for prescription medications and new computer technologies to enhance medical records management and improve patient care supervision. "And once again, Ocean Ridge stepped up to help fund these needs" said Gildea.

Shelia Roberts, Executive Director of the Clinic and its only full time employee expressed her gratitude for the Ocean Ridge effort. "Without community support, we couldn't survive" she said. "We are so grateful to ORCA and all of the donors in Ocean Ridge. I hope we see more neighborhood charities like ORCA coming to life in the near future" she added.

The New Hope Clinic also works in partnership with the region's largest medical facilities—Brunswick Novant Medical Center, Doshier Memorial Hospital, New Hanover Regional Medical Center as well as the Brunswick county Department of Health—and they are a member of the N.C. Association of Free Clinics. In addition to their basic medical services, the Clinic offers specialty care in podiatry, chiropractic, dermatology, EKG, dental extractions, diabetes treatment, medical eye care and mental health screening plus a Pharmacy Assistance Program.

Pictured in the photo are board members from both ORCA and the New Hope Clinic. New Hope Executive Director Sheila Roberts is pictured at center.

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