

# Ocean Ridge Charities Association Assists Neighbors in the Old Shallotte Road Area

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Following the devastation of the EF3 Tornado on February 15, 2021, to Ocean Ridge Plantation, Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA) coordinated with Ocean Ridge Management Association (ORMA) to assist Ocean Ridge residents impacted by the tornado.

While ORCA's initial focus was on Ocean Ridge Plantation residents, in concert with our mission, we wanted to assist our neighbors in the Old Shallotte Road area who also experienced tornado damage. Through a generous donation of \$5,000 by the Duke Energy Foundation, ORCA was able to assist these families. We coordinated with the Brunswick County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) who were contacting individuals

in the Old Shallotte Road area who needed assistance in varying degrees. Some of these families had uninhabitable homes and had to move elsewhere, while others had damage and needed assistance making repairs. We also coordinated and gathered information from many Brunswick County organizations to learn what aid they were providing and then contacted each resident. Once successful, we arranged for a time and place to give families a check and gift cards and had teams go to their home or make other location arrangements. All in all, there were ten families that were so grateful for ORCA's gifts to them. As our Brunswick County community knows, it will take some of these families a long time to get repairs or rebuilds completed.



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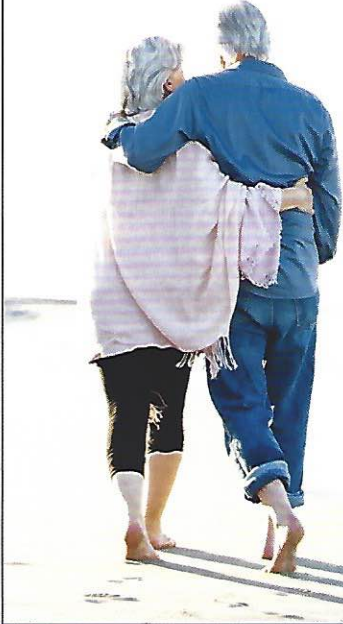
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