

What's NEW at ORCA!

On April 9, ORCA will hold its **6th Annual Trivia Night** event at the Plantation Club. This year's theme is 'Spring Break' and ORCA promises another entertaining evening. This year, proceeds will go to Communities in Schools, whose work surrounds students with a community of support empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Seats are still available, so please go and sign up!

ORCA has lots of other events coming up. We'll have another date with 'Opportunity Rocks' in June, and a Casino Night is planned for the Fall. There is also another opportunity to purchase the now famous 'From the Kitchens of Ocean Ridge' Cookbook and Sale tickets at Belk's Charity Days, happening in March and April. Please join us for these! Just go online to orcharities.org to find out more.

The big news, though, is that, in 2015, ORCA raised a record of \$52,000 in total monetary and in-kind donations, a 48% increase over 2014, making its total contributions since inception, to over 30 local charities, at \$150,000. This was made possible only by the generosity of Ocean Ridge Residents and our Corporate Sponsors. A big Thank You is in order!

Who were some of the charities who benefited? Providence Home, Waves4KIDS and the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw, all of whom focus on children in crisis, each received \$4,000. New Hope Clinic, who provides healthcare to those who cannot afford it, received \$5,850. Through the Warm Homes/Warm Hearts program, Brunswick Family Assistance received \$5,000 from ORCA, which was matched by Brunswick Electric (BEMC). The homeless in the StreetReach and Brunswick County Homeless Coalition programs were helped by a donation of \$3,400 apiece. This goes a long way to support the great work they do, so thank you to those who contributed this year either monetarily or by volunteering!



Peggy Burris, Amy Kelly,
Ray Cockrell (Dir. Of Development)
George Briggs, Mike Gildea



Jacquie Nutt (Vice President), Amy Kelly,
Kaye Wolfe (Exec. Dir.),
George Briggs, Maggy Schlink



(Front Row): Judy Cunningham, Sheila Roberts (Exec. Dir.),
June Baker (BOD Member)
(Back Row): Liz Cermak, Larry Gray,
Daniel Olson (New Hope Clinic QENO Americor VISTA),
Mike Gildea

ORCA appreciates your support. Together, we are doing great work!

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