

OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS...cont'd**ORCA—OCEAN RIDGE SUPPORTS THE CAROUSEL CHILD
ADVOCACY CENTER***By: AMY KELLY*

In October, Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA) invited the Ocean Ridge community to attend the Carousel Child Advocacy Center's "Inaugural Everyday Hero Award and Luncheon". This was an opportunity to learn what the Carousel Center does and to see how they assist those in Brunswick County affected by childhood sexual abuse.

ORCA would like to thank the community for their generous donations to the Carousel Child Advocacy Center. Many Ocean Ridge residents attended the luncheon while others made a donation in support of the cause.

Ocean Ridge's participation definitely helped in their efforts, as we raised \$2,030. Together... guests, hosts, sponsors and donors contributed almost \$20,000 in much-needed funding to provide services and programs for Brunswick county children.

The Brunswick County Sheriff's Office was honored for its exceptional commitment to child sexual abuse prevention and its achievement of the International honor of Partner in Prevention designation, which recognizes organizations that ensure more than 90% of their staff is trained in this critical area.

The Sheriff's Office exceeded this benchmark, with 323 officers completing a rigorous three-hour workshop. This makes them the first law enforcement agency in our region—and the largest in North Carolina—to invest significantly in preventing abuse and protecting children. This achievement underscores their dedication to creating a safer community. By earning the Partner in Prevention designation, the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office has demonstrated leadership that transcends traditional policing.

Many other Brunswick County organizations are also involved in training their staffs.

The Carousel Center provides professional training and other educational opportunities for groups interested in learning about child sexual abuse recognition and prevention. If your group is interested, contact Rebecca Martin at 910-254-9898. Or visit their website at www.carouselcenter.org.

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ORCA'S SWEET TREATS

BY: KATHY SANCHEZ

Ocean Ridge Charities Association was very excited to partner with the Social Activities Committee, the Men's Grilled Dinner Group and our many fabulous neighborhood bakers to offer 'Sweet Treats' for purchase during the monthly 'Tunes At The Pool' events this summer.

Together we raised nearly \$2400 for Samara's Village. Plus, the Men's Grilled Dinner Group donated their 'Tunes' proceeds, which were in excess of \$3000, to ORCA. Those monies were split between The Carousel Child Advocacy Center & The Veteran's Welcome Home Center. All three of these groups will use the funds to further their missions in support of Brunswick County residents in need of our help.

And a HUGE shout out to the numerous bakers (many of whom baked multiple times) for their amazing, delicious and creative cookies, bars, brownies and cupcakes. We could not have done this without EACH of you!



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Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA) offers you a year round 'Memorial Giving Fund' option whereby you can donate to one of ORCA's vetted charities in honor or, or in memory of, a beloved family member or friend. And you can double the impact by having ORCA match your donation. (*)

So whether you want to remember a loved one who has passed or commemorate the milestone occasion of a friend, simply download the form (also shown here) from our website www.orcharities.org, choose your preferred charity and mail the form along with your check to:

Ocean Ridge Charities Association
Memorial Giving Fund
P.O. Box 6879
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469-0879

A memorial gift letter can also be sent to the person you indicate.

(*) Note: Donations from an Ocean Ridge household or a property owner will be matched by ORCA, dollar for dollar, up to \$100 per year.

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ORCA MEMORIAL GIFT FUND FORM



THE OCEAN RIDGE CHARITIES ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL GIVING FUND

*They loved and inspired us, cared for us, and influenced who we are.
They made an indelible impression upon our lives.*

They were a mom or a dad, a special aunt or uncle, a spouse or sibling, a neighbor or dear friend, a mentor, teacher or a valued colleague. Commemorate milestone birthdays of friends and loved ones. Along life's passage, they made a difference in who we are and they will always be in our memories.

To commemorate these extraordinary individuals and their lasting impact upon us, the Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA) has established a *Memorial Giving Fund*. The purpose is to honor their memory through your special gift in their name to one of the Brunswick County charities that ORCA supports.

Your community charity--ORCA-- supports over thirty local non-profits like those listed below. Your memorial fund contribution will be donated to the local Brunswick County charity or charities of your choice noted below. In addition to a gift from an Ocean Ridge household or a property owner, ORCA will match your contribution dollar for dollar, up to \$100 per year.

Once we've received your donation, we will send a memorial gift letter to the family of the person remembered advising them of your gift and noting the amount (including ORCA's match) as well as the beneficiary charity. Then we will send you a confirmation notice of your directed donation.

We hope that now or in the future you will consider the ORCA *Memorial Giving Fund* as the charity of choice for your memorial tax deductible donations. Please use the form below. For future donations, go to www.orcharities.org to download this form and other information.

Questions? Contact us at orcharities@gmail.com. **Thank you** for your continuing support of ORCA.

MEMORIAL GIVING FORM (Please print)

Name of donor(s) _____ Date of donation _____

In memory of _____ Relationship _____

Amount \$ _____ (minimum gift--\$25) Please send a memorial gift letter to the following (Name & Address):

Designated Brunswick County Charity (please check one per \$25 gift):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | American Red Cross - Cape Fear Chapter | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hope Harbor Home, Inc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina, Inc. | <input type="checkbox"/> | LifeCare Memory Partners |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Brunswick Community College Foundation: (pick one below) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lower Cape Fear LifeCare & SECU Hospice House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | - Ocean Ridge - David Kelly Nursing Scholarship Endowment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Matthew's Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | - Emergency Medical Training (EMT) Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> | New Hope Clinic, Inc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | - Partnership for American Veteran Employment (PAVE) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Power Walking Ministries Inc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Brunswick County Computers 4 KIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> | Providence Home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity | <input type="checkbox"/> | Samara's Village |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Brunswick County Homeless Coalition | <input type="checkbox"/> | South Brunswick Interchurch Council (SBIC) Food Pantry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Brunswick County Literacy Council, Inc. | <input type="checkbox"/> | The Carousel Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Brunswick Family Assistance Agency, Inc. (BFA) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Brunswick Senior Resources, Inc. (BSRI) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Warm Homes, Warm Hearts (BEMC/BFA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Christian Recovery Center, Inc. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Waves 4 K.I.D.S |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Communities in Schools of Brunswick County, Inc. (CIS) | <input type="checkbox"/> | WARM NC |

Please return THIS FORM with your gift.

Ocean Ridge Charities Association, Memorial Giving Fund
P.O. Box 6879 Ocean Isle Beach, N.C. 28469-0879

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ORCA HOLIDAY EVENTS ARE IN FULL SWING!

BY: KATHY SANCHEZ

The Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA) Annual Arts & Crafts Fair was held on a sunny Saturday in November at the Nature Pavilion. We were grateful to have had 19 of our creative neighbors share their talents with us. And many of us went home with new art work, baked goods, holiday decor and so much more.

Come join us again at the Nature Pavilion on Saturday, **December 7, for the Holiday Marketplace Raffle**. Purchase your raffle tickets and then take a chance to win one of the many fabulous offerings donated by our wonderful neighbors. Raffle tickets for the beautiful 'knitted star' quilt made by Janet Getz will also be available onsite or by contacting Dana Rzeznik at danar6589@gmail.com. The winning ticket for the quilt raffle will also be drawn at this event.

Sunday evening, December 8, is the night of the Holiday Open House Tour. Join us for this very special 10th anniversary edition of a neighborhood classic. Eight spectacular homes (and the Plantation Garden) will be fully dressed for the holidays. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the following porches:

Joanne Bush, 553 Lizmore Place

Judy Cunningham, 517 Buxton Notch.

On **Tuesday evening, December 10**, display your ORCA luminaries as we 'Light Up the Night'. Then tour the neighborhood to see our driveways glow with holiday cheer.

Proceeds from all these events will go to support Brunswick Electric's 'Warm Homes, Warm Hearts' program which aids those in Brunswick County in need of assistance with their utility bills. Last year, together we donated \$13,725 which was then doubled by Brunswick Electric. We are looking forward to another great opportunity to support this critical program.