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'TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH GIVING' STILL TIME TO DONATE TO ORCA'S ANNUAL APPEAL

By: KATHY SANCHEZ

The 2025 Ocean Ridge Charities Association's Annual Appeal: "Transforming Lives Through Giving" was mailed to residents and property owners in October.

THANK YOU to all who have already responded so generously. The campaign continues through year end.

If you didn't receive a packet by mail, you can contact Mary Perno at: mperno@verizon.net

Historically, this is our largest internal fundraiser. As the only 501c3 non-profit, tax-exempt corporation established within the Ocean Ridge community, ORCA has raised more than \$1.5 million dollars in cash and commodities since 2010. Those dollars are funneled back into Brunswick County through charities vetted to ensure their compliance with state and local requirements.

ORCA has identified six charities that currently need our help:

- ♦ **Brunswick County Homeless Coalition**
- ♦ **Brunswick County Literacy Council**
- ♦ **Brunswick Senior Resources, Calabash**
- ♦ **Communities in Schools of Brunswick County**
- ♦ **Life Care Memory Partners**
- ♦ **Samara's Village**

Each charity identified a pressing need which was detailed in the mailing.

Giving is easy... the mailing includes a return envelop or you can use a credit card by clicking on the PayPal button on our website at: www.orcharities.org

Together, we can have a large impact in Brunswick County. Thank you for your support!

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TWO REMAINING ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAVORITES!***BY: KATHY SANCHEZ*

Join your neighbors for these annual holiday favorites sponsored by Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA).

All proceeds benefit Brunswick Electric's 'Warm Homes, Warm Hearts' program to help those in need of heating assistance.

December 6 [Holiday Marketplace Raffle](#) @ the Ridge Center

11AM-2PM

December 7 [Holiday Open House Tours](#)

5PM-8PM



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HOSPICE DOLLS BRIGHTENS ALL THE HOLIDAYS

By: KATHY SANCHEZ

This group of talented individuals has long made adorable stuffed dolls that are donated to a variety of non-profit organizations such as Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Liberty Home Care & Hospice, where they bring comfort to patients and their families.

During 2025, they also made holiday specific items to share the love. For example, Valentine's Day saw them make hand sewn and stuffed hearts. The Group made red, white and blue stuffed hearts for the Fourth of July, along with dolls dressed in the holiday colors; and the Christmas season saw the Hospice Dolls Group make stuffed ornaments and fabric trees.

All of these original, hand-made items brighten the day for individuals and families going through difficult times.

ORCA is proud to support this amazing work with an annual donation to help offset the cost of supplies.

For more information on this fun group, please contact Heidi Root at heidimarie007@hotmail.com.



Talented and dedicated volunteers create cards each month at the Ridge Center



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE CARDS 4 A CAUSE

By: KATHY SANCHEZ

In three short years, the Ocean Ridge Cards 4 a Cause (C4aC) has blossomed into yet another amazing group of talented, giving people in our community.

With more than 150 members, beautiful cards are produced each month and distributed to numerous organizations in Brunswick County for them to include with the services they provide. One recent month saw the group create more than 930 cards!

This warmth is spread far and wide. Recipients include a variety of groups such as Just One Foster Care, Novant Hospital, Coastal Pointe, Birthday Wishes, Meals on Wheels, Veterans Welcome Home Center and Chicago-based Cards for Hospitalized Kids. Imagine your hospital meal tray arriving with a cheerful note of well wishes and recovery encouragement!

Additionally, C4aC works with the OR Veterans Association and Quilts of Valor, to distribute cards of remembrance and appreciation to more than 200 military veterans living in Ocean Ridge each year on Veterans Day.

And a sister-group has evolved which visits the Autumn Care Nursing Home and works with residents on craft projects. The smiles, laughter, and personal interactions are priceless.

ORCA is proud to support this amazing work with an annual donation to help offset the cost of supplies.

For more information on this fun group, please contact Kelly Miller at orc4ac@gmail.com.



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The creativity of the OR C4aC Volunteers take a variety of materials and design a wide range of cards for all occasions.

On November 10th Mary Covell and Elizabeth Arnold went-to-door to deliver cards of appreciation made by the C4aC volunteers to OR Veterans.





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ORCA'S ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFT FAIR DREW A LARGE CROWD

By: KATHY SANCHEZ

On November 1, twenty-four of our very talented neighbors filled the Ridge Center with their beautiful creations. Many attendees went home with new art work, jewelry, resin work, stained glass, baked goods, soaps, pottery, and so much more.

For the first time the Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, sponsored by Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA), was held indoors. Moving the location ensure attendees were sheltered from any potential weather issues at its prior location, the Nature Pavilion.

Cards4aCause had beautiful, handmade gift tags available for a freewill donation. The OR Field Studies group had a table highlighting their efforts to place bluebird nesting boxes around the neighborhood.

ORCA sold raffle tickets for a beautiful holiday quilt which will be raffled off on December 6 at the Holiday Marketplace Raffle. Arts & Craft Fair goers had the opportunity to pre-purchase raffle tickets for the December event and International Dining Club memberships were also on sale.

For added convenience, the *Sharper Edge Professional Sharpening Service* was onsite to sharpen your knives, scissors and yard tools while you shopped. A portion of those proceeds also benefited ORCA.

Thank you to all who participated... crafters, lookers and buyers. A special THANKS to the many ORCA Service Club volunteers who helped us in so many ways.. directing traffic, setup, ticket sales, clean up... We couldn't do this without you!

Proceeds will be bundled with the monies from our other holiday events and will go to support Brunswick Electric's 'Warm Homes, Warm Hearts'.

LARGE CROWD HEARS LIFE CARE MEMORY PARTNERS' EDUCATIONAL TALK ON DEMENTIA

By: KATHY SANCHEZ

On September 15th, ORCA was pleased to bring a very informative presentation called 'Understanding the Dementia Journey' to the Ridge Center.

175 residents heard Candy Lee, RN & Program Manager from Life Care Memory Partners explain both the disease itself and the services they provide to educate and empower caregivers. She also shared information about resources, care and support available for patients throughout the disease's full progression. Her lively style helped all of us better understand a difficult topic with great clarity.

Life Care Memory Partners is part of the larger organization, Lower Cape Fear Life Care, which also offers Hospice Care, Palliative Medicine, Grief Care and Community Education. Candy was joined by three of her associates who were available to answer questions and distribute assorted print materials for residents to peruse at home. Life Care Memory Partners is one of the local non-profits that ORCA supports through fundraising.

Maureen Standen was the lucky winner of the door prize – a \$100 gift certificate to LeVolte restaurant – generously donated by the restaurant.

Candy's presentation is available on our website: www.orcharities.org

Be sure to check out the photos from these events in the Changing Tides Photo Album.