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SERVING THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY

PRESS RELEASE

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ORCA Donates \$6,500 to Support The Carousel Center

Ocean Ridge Charities Association, Inc. (ORCA) is proud to support The Carousel Center in an effort to raise awareness about sexual assault upon our children and to help them to provide the necessary tools to service child victims of Brunswick County. In 2000, local emergency room personnel established The Carousel Center, a place where sexually abused children are welcomed and cared for by professionals extensively trained and certified to deal with these delicate circumstances. The goal is for each child to share what he/she can share at one time, in one place. The Center uses a multidisciplinary interagency team of individuals working collaboratively to provide services for the community to better hold child abuse perpetrators accountable by collecting evidence from children who have reportedly experienced sexual/physical abuse and/or neglect through initial forensic interviews and medical evaluations. In the past 5 years, The Carousel Center has seen more than 1,100 children between the ages of birth and 17 from New Hanover, Brunswick, and Pender counties. They have seen a 48% REDUCTION in trauma symptoms from children who have done therapy with them.



Pictured left to right:

ORCA Board Members Mike Lynch, Beth Naylor, Laura Wheaton, The Carousel Center Exec Director Amy Feath, ORCA Board Members Maggy Schlink and Claudia Piccarelli.

ORCA is a tax exempt, non-profit corporation situated within the Ocean Ridge Plantation development in southeast Brunswick County, a community that is home to nearly 700 full and part-time households with nearly 1,300 residents. To learn more about ORCA go to www.orcharities.org or contact the organization at orcharities@gmail.com

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