

## OR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS ....cont'd



## YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE! A BIG THANK YOU FROM OCEAN RIDGE CHARITIES ASSOCIATION, INC. (ORCA)

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Again the generosity of our OR neighbors was on full display this spring and summer. Multiple local charities are the beneficiaries of nearly \$10,000 in funds raised.



The golf course painting by the late Marilyn Pounds attracted many hopeful raffle ticket buyers. Sheila Stachura was the lucky winner. **Proceeds of \$800 were donated to Communities In Schools** in honor of Marilyn's long teaching career. The funds will be used to purchase independent reading books for local students in the tutoring program to help prevent skill loss over the summer.

More than 200 blue mailbox bows and flags were purchased as a show of appreciation for our military. **\$2000 was raised to support both the Veterans Welcome Home & Resource Center's** mission to end veteran homelessness, as well as the **Partnership for American Veteran Employment**, which is the Brunswick Community College Foundation's program providing work study experience and financial assistance to veteran students.



The beautifully refreshed Resident Directory is back! Nearly 400 residents purchased this handy booklet, **adding nearly \$4400 to the annual fund** for distribution later this year.





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Our resident bakers served up delicious ice cream treats during 'Tunes At The Pool' in May, June & July. \$1100 was raised and will be donated to the Brunswick County Literacy Council, supporting adult literacy skills.



On a hot June afternoon, seventy-five residents took advantage of the mobile, same day sharpening service we brought to the Nature Pavilion. Lots of pristine knives, scissors and yard tool blades are now back in people's homes and garages. Owned by the skillful and hard-working Clarence, A Sharper Edge donated a portion of the proceeds to ORCA, allowing us to **donate**

**\$1000 to Providence Home, a free short-term shelter for Brunswick County teens who cannot remain with their families.**



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The **Hospice Dolls program is back in full swing.** Multiple deliveries of handcrafted dolls have been made to Lower Cape Fear LifeCare, bringing comfort to patients and family members. Crafting sessions continue year round.



And as you read this, we will be wrapping up our tenth year of collecting and delivering **backpacks for Matthew's Ministry, filled with weekend food** for Brunswick County students who receive free or reduced price lunches during the week. These backpacks go home filled every Friday and are returned on Monday to be re-used the following week. This is a joint effort with the Old Dominion Dames.

Enjoy the rest of your summer... we'll see you later this year as we gear up for the **Annual Arts and Crafts Fair in November, the December Holiday Marketplace Raffle, Luminary Sales and the Holiday Home Tours.**