

# Ocean Ridge Charities Association, Inc.

The Ocean Ridge Charities Association, Inc. (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. ORCA was organized in 2010 for the purpose of identifying and supporting those Brunswick County charities and non-profits that assist disadvantaged citizens. To find out more about ORCA and its activities go to [www.orcharities.org](http://www.orcharities.org) or contact the organization at [orcharities@gmail.com](mailto:orcharities@gmail.com).

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## MURDER MYSTERY NETS \$3,300 FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

The Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA) sponsored another successful fundraiser, Murder Mystery, on September 29, when Get a Clue Productions from Wilmington brought the Ocean Ridge High School's 20th Reunion to the Plantation Club. The year is 1975. The graduation year was 1955.

The prom queen was murdered and the audience, 123 strong, along with the players, flashed back in time to solve the murder mystery. Ocean Ridger and amateur thespian Andy Eisenstein played the Prom Queen's date while grande dame Rachel Gaddis did a short cameo appearance for the murdered prom queen.

The whole evening was flawlessly executed. The Plantation Club was decorated in the school colors of blue and white with the orca mascot prominently displayed. Great entertainment, animated by audience participation along with good food, hallmark the evening.

Thanks to the generosity of Ocean Ridge residents, over

\$3,300 was raised for WARM (Wilmington Area Rehabilitation Ministry) which is working hard to rebuild the homes of low income victims devastated by the hurricane. ORCA is on track to exceed its fundraising target as fundraising efforts continue for those Brunswick County residents who suffered unimaginable losses, including homes and possessions.

ORCA Board Members Corinne Eisenstein, Glenn Hess, and Barbara Ellenberger chaired the Murder Mystery committee, supported by a team that included Peggy Burris, Judy Cunningham, Peggy Gildea, Amy Kelly, Mike Lynch, Beth Naylor, Claudia Piccarelli, Mary Perno, Ron Sorice, and Laura Wheaton.

Sincerest thanks to the showrunners, all volunteers and the many patrons who supported the event and made it such a successful FUNdraiser. We couldn't have done it without you!

— Kathleen Larson and Mike Gildea

## M.A.D.D Thanks You!

A huge THANK YOU to our Ocean Ridge Community!

Following Hurricane Florence, the Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA) quickly reorganized a long-planned community-wide, annual Make a Difference Day of Service into two segments.

The first was a commodity collection effort on October 6th. Over \$11,000 worth of groceries, cleaning supplies, children's diapers and gift cards were collected and delivered to BFA and Streetreach.



The second, even larger ORCA event came on October 27th. This time the Ocean Ridge community nearly tripled its first effort by collecting over \$29,000

worth of food, toiletries, stuffed toys, clothing, furniture, linens, cleaning supplies, and various other sundries.

Truckloads of hurricane relief supplies were then dispatched to the local Habitat for Humanity, Streetreach, Salvation Army, and Brunswick Homeless Coalition.

Over 100 Ocean Ridge neighbors worked nearly 500 volunteer hours to offload, sort, package, box and reload all collected items onto delivery trucks. Without them and their compassion, we couldn't have completed this extraordinary task.

The \$40,000 in collections in just four weeks is an amazing result, but ORCA's efforts to fundraise for hurricane victims will continue into 2019.

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As always, the entire effort would not have been possible without the wholehearted support of concerned and giving Ocean Ridge residents, who donated money, goods, and time to a cause so much bigger (larger?) than any of us.

On behalf of the Brunswick County individuals who have benefitted, the Charities we support, ORCA, and the MADD team, we say a very big thank you to you - all.

The 2018 MADD team members are: Paul D'Ascoli, Bernadette D'Ascoli, George Briggs, Corinne Eisenstein, Shirley Johnson, Kath Larson, Pris Lovell, Marcia Rumsey, Beth Naylor, Nancy Roman, Winnie Rubio, and Laura Wheaton.

