

Ocean Ridge Charities Association raises \$25,000 for COVID-19 Relief Campaign

The Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA) COVID-19 Relief Campaign started on April 16 with members wondering how it would take off, and if they could raise enough funds to make a difference to hard-hit residents in Brunswick County.

At ORCA, they have learned through 10 years of fundraising that residents of Ocean Ridge Plantation continue to surpass expectations every single time with their generosity for those less fortunate. And, they hit a homerun this time around, donating over \$25,000, a record-breaking amount for the ORCA COVID-19 Relief Campaign, for food, shelter and medical relief challenges caused by the coronavirus.

Within the first six days, residents donated \$10,000, enabling ORCA to send its first set of checks to Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA), New Hope Clinic, South Brunswick

Interchurch Council (SBIC) and the Brunswick Homeless Coalition. Since then, and up until the close of the campaign on May 8, generous residents donated another \$15,000, which has been distributed to the following local charities: BFA, SBIC, New Hope Clinic, Brunswick Community College, Carousel Center and WARM.

ORCA benefitted from Ocean Ridge's "Merry Maskateers," consisting of Mary Perno, Patti Elsen, Nancy Doukakis and Sue Kemmerer. Together, they sewed a total of 2,625 masks and donated \$1,540 to ORCA from their project. Due to the generosity of George Briggs and his 26.2-mile walking marathon, ORCA received more than \$5,000 in donations.

ORCA thanks Ocean Ridge Plantation residents for helping the neediest in our county by donating to the 40 Brunswick County charities supported by ORCA.