

## **Ocean Ridge Charities Association Raises \$25,000 for COVID-19 Relief Campaign**

Ocean Ridge Charities Association (ORCA) started its COVID-19 Relief Campaign on April 16 with everyone wondering how it would take off and if they could raise enough funds to make a difference to hard-hit residents in Brunswick County. As always, they hit a homerun this time around, raising more than \$25,000, a record-breaking amount. 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 Brunswick Homeless Coalition. Up until the close of the campaign on May 8, generous residents donated another \$15,000, which was distributed to the following local charities: BFA, SBIC, New Hope Clinic, Brunswick Community College, Carousel Center and WARM. ORCA also benefitted from Ocean Ridge's Merry Maskateers — Mary Perno, Patti Elsen, Nancy Doukakis and Sue Kemmerer, who 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. Once again, ORCA thanks the Ocean Ridge Plantation residents for helping the neediest in our county by donating to the 40 Brunswick County charities supported by ORCA.